

Beers that are mostly black in colour have enjoyed a renewed growth with craft breweries in recent years. Originally, stouts and porters were representative of the UK style: full of coffee and deep chocolate notes thanks to the use of dark malts. Now we find all manner of styles, including flavoured versions, smoky variants, sumptuous barrel aged beauties, and high alcohol imperial interpretations. Each has its place as either an everyday drink, a great companion to BBQ or braised foods (and oysters), or as an after-dinner sipper. *David Nuttall*







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