

Popular amongst Canadian craft breweries, the style developed in the 1980s by American craft brewers as a go-between differing from American Pale Ales and American Brown Ales, and often being referred to as a Red Ale with "Irish" sometimes tacked into the North American red ale beer names too.

Once the froth settles, a light to dark amber colour glows in the glass. A rich, malt base creates caramel and toast flavours, balanced with citrus, pine, resin, and tropical fruit hop notes, and alcohol levels varying from 4.5 to 6.2 percent contributing to the body. Be on the lookout for further local offerings in this category. Andrew Paulsen



**Brewsters** Hammerhead Red Ale Alberta, Canada \$17-18 (6-pack cans) CSPC 829565



**Bow River Brewing High Country** Scottish Amber Alberta, Canada \$18-19 (4-pack cans) CSPC 878218



District Brewing **Bavarian Dark** Saskatchewan Canada \$16-18 (4-pack cans) CSPC 844058





Marda Loop Red **Trolley Amber** Alberta, Canada \$18-19 (4-pack cans) CSPC 827773



**Buffalo 9 Brewing First** In Last Out Red Ale Alberta, Canada \$18-19 (4-pack cans) CSPC 890320

**Prairie Dog Brewing Midnight Combine** Alberta, Canada \$18-19 (750mL) CSPC 881940



## **GOLDEN ALES**

Clean, balanced, and highly approachable, Golden Ales are known for their well-rounded and refreshing nature. While there is room for variation within the category, placing a beer more within a North American versus British-influenced interpretation, the immense drinkability of the style is a constant. Despite the relative simplicity, it was clear from the entrants this year that there can still be subtle complexity and nuance that make this an intriguing ... and delicious category! High River Brewing's offering stood out with its beautiful aromatics, elegant mouthfeel, and incredible balance. Stephen Bezan

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**Balzac Brewing Backyard Harvest British Golden Ale** Alberta, Canada \$20 (4-pack cans) CSPC 845706







