

Was trinken die Deutschen? das Bier, die Biere

type of beer: die Bierart, die Bierarten

bock beer: das Bockbier, die Bockbierarten

MAIBOCK/PALE BOCK

Maibocks are medium-to full-bodied lagers whose alcohol content can vary widely, though is typically between 5-6% ABV. The color of pale bocks can vary from light bronze to deep amber and they are characterized by a sweet malty palate and subtle hop character. As its name would suggest, this is a bock style that traditionally makes a spring appearance as an celebration of a new brewing season. In a Germanic brewer's portfolio it should conventionally have a less assertive character than other bock offerings later in the year.



Hofbräuhaus Maibock

Brewed by the famous Hofbräuhaus brewpub in Munich, Hofbräuhaus Maibock is considered the first of the modern bocks that were brewed lighter and designated for May Day celebrations. Pale copper, with a billowing and slowly retreating white head. Toasty and honeylike aroma, with some light esters. Malty, with a faint caramel flavor, a medium body and a light, spicy hop character. Its smoothness belies its strength. (7.2% ABV)

Maibock Bock released in late spring (March, April, or May). Often relatively pale, hoppy, and spritzy.

Seasonal brews make appearances throughout the country as well; springtime harkens brewers to put out a strong *Maibock* beer, while, in the fall, the all-important Oktoberfest beers make their presence known, and winter gives rise to various Christmas beers and dark bock beers. Given the varied regions in Germany, many regions, or even cities, have their own style of beer.