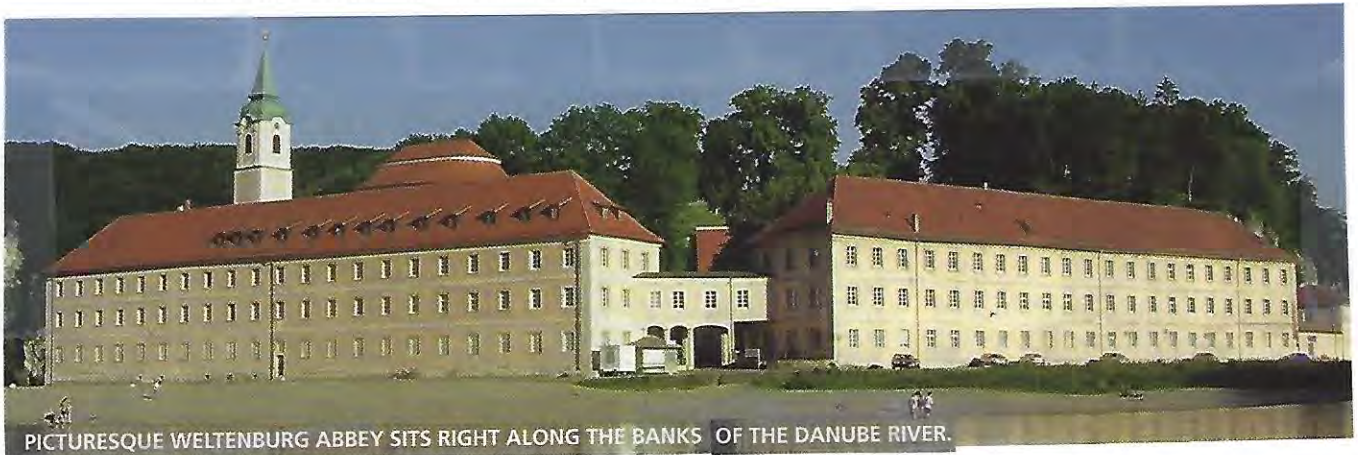


Was trinken die Deutschen? das Bier, die Biere

Mönchsbiere (monastery beers)

monastery, cloister, convent, nunnery: das Kloster, die Klöster  
 monastery: das Monchkloster, die Monchsklöster

WELTENBURG BEER: A MILLENNIUM IN THE MAKING



PICTURESQUE WELTENBURG ABBEY SITS RIGHT ALONG THE BANKS OF THE DANUBE RIVER.

the Abbey has been continuously inhabited. Most of the current buildings date from the early 1700s, including the church of Saint George, constructed over 30 years by the world-renowned Asam brothers. A masterpiece melding painting, sculpture and architecture into a cohesive work of art, the church is recognized as one of the most important representations of German late-Baroque architecture in the country.

Today, six monks oversee the spiritual needs of four towns, hold daily mass in the historic church and operate a guest house and gift shop on the site. “In 1973, our last brew master retired,” explained Brother Michael Gebhart, one of the monks at Weltenburg. The brewery also needed massive upgrades which the self-supporting monastery could scarce afford. The solution was found in a “personalunion” or “shared staff” with the Bischofshof Brewery in the city of Regensburg, some 25 miles away. Bischofshof constructed a new brewery at the Abbey and upgraded the equipment to the highest standards. The brewery uses only local ingredients including water from their own well 140 meters (460 feet) below the ground. The hops, crushed and pressed, come from the world famous Hallertau region which produces roughly one third of the world’s hops and begins mere miles from the abbey. Bischofshof even grows its own yeast.

Weltenburg produces 12 distinct beers, and their quality is reflected in over 40 gold medals from some of the most prestigious beer competitions in the world. Perhaps their most famous brew is the “Barock Dunkel,” three-time winner of the Best Dark Beer at the World Beer Cup awards. Full-bodied, with an intense malty aroma and a creamy,



THE LABEL OF WELTENBURG’S ASAM BOCK FEATURES A LIKENESS OF COSMAS ASAM, ONE OF THE FAMED ARCHITECTS WHO CREATED THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.



VISITORS ON THE BREWERY TOUR SAMPLE SOME OF WELTENBURG’S PREMIUM BEERS.