

WHAT GERMANS REVEAL ABOUT THEMSELVES THROUGH THE BEER THEY DRINK

Pilsner, Pale lager or the dark Imperial Stout? Your preference in beer can reveal a lot about you, says a recent study.

Something for everyone



The beers André Gifkens and Robyn Anderson of Berlin selected for their specialty store Lager Lager cover a wide range of styles, strengths and flavors. Not all of them conform to the Purity Law, which is why the word "beer" is missing from some labels. Some of them are produced by big companies; others are craft beers brewed by entrepreneurs without corporate backing. All of them are delicious.

Weisse: a tart treat from northern Germany



We start on the tangy, low-alcohol, refreshing side. Weisse is a wheat beer dating from the 17th century and often drunk with fruit syrup. What gives the drink in its pure form a characteristic sourness is the addition of lactobacillus. Friedrich the Great of Prussia learned how to brew it, and Napoleon allegedly dubbed it the "champagne of the North."