

# The BC Craft Beer 2019 HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE



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you find gifts with the **right** kind of appeal.

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## Our Holiday Gift Guide, sourcing out **SWEET SURPRISES** for BC Craft Beer Fans

Do you dread the pressure to come up with nifty gift ideas every holiday season?

Wait: remember how so many of your friends and relatives are into craft beer? Now you just need help with beer gift ideas... you know, like a list. A really BIG list.

That's why *What's Brewing* is back with its annual lookbook full of ideas for your craft-loving friends and family.

## Here's The Rules!

We can't guarantee availability of any products in this guide. We also can't guarantee that they'll arrive by Christmas. That's up to Santa. You have a chimney, right?

Disclaimer: we cannot warrant accuracy of information presented.

Most of this stuff is online. A few items may involve actual contact with a human. But craft beer people are pretty good, as humans go.

If you don't see your favourite brewery or brand listed, don't fret. There are many more beer community members in BC than we can fit into one Guide. The suggestions provided are inspiration to help you source out that perfect gift in a brand your recipient will love.

## FEATURED CONTRIBUTORS



### A Holiday Gift Guide to Books

Ted Child reviews books for *What's Brewing*. He lists off some items worth searching out on [page 15](#)



### Homebrew Happenin's Gift Ideas!

Warren Boyer recommends some goodies for the homebrewer in your life. Details: [page 16](#)

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else touch my handles."**

- Marc Roberts, co-founder Backcountry Brewing Co.



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[www.craftbeermarket.ca/vancouver/giftcards](http://www.craftbeermarket.ca/vancouver/giftcards)



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## BEER CADDY

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Where do lucky people at beer festivals get those amazing handsfree tasting glass holders you've seen? From us! Completely adjustable, holds any size glass from tiny taster to full-sized pint.

Only \$10, including tax & shipping within Canada! What a great stocking stuffer for a beer lover. [whatsbrewing.ca/beerccaddy](http://whatsbrewing.ca/beerccaddy)



Fully adjustable Beer Caddy holds any size of tasting glass

## HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

# SEASONAL BEVERAGES



Beer. It's the most convenient gift for both the giver and the recipient.

Gone are the days when anyone has "tried all the beers out there." Here are some beer and cider gifts for those from newbie to advanced.



### Merridale Craft Cider

Merridale's iconic **Scrumpy** and **Cyser** ciders are robust and distinctive. Perfect winter sippers, Scrumpy is a dry, yet full-bodied barrel-aged cider and Cyser is rich and bold with apple blossom honey.

[merridale.ca/cider](http://merridale.ca/cider)



## LEGACY LIQUOR STORE

BC Brewery Winter Boxes!

Great Canadian Outdoor Adventure Pack from Central City Brewing



Come along on a craft beer adventure with 24 days of delicious, never before experienced craft beers in 500mL cans. From fruit flavor infusion to barrel aged beers and cocktail inspirations, this advent calendar is your ticket to counting down towards the holidays with 24 brand new Red Racer beers.

### Space Case by Phillips Brewing

Phillips's largest mystery pack to date includes 12 x 650ml exclusive and never released beers from our tasting room crammed into one limited edition case. Out of this world and into your fridge.



### Holiday Gift Baskets from Legacy Liquor Store!

Legacy is making gift-giving easy with custom beer baskets. Have a beer style or brewery in mind? Their beer team will work with you to put together the perfect gift. Or choose one of the ready-to-crack set at [legacyliquorstore.com/shop](http://legacyliquorstore.com/shop)



### Dead Frog: Seasonal Beers and Mixer Packs!

Give the gift of extraordinary craft beer this holiday season. Winter beers like our **Mandarin Orange Kettle Sour** and **Nutty Uncle Peanut Butter Stout** are the perfect gift for the craft beer lover in your life! Find our brews in bottles, cans, and the **Dead Frog Dozen Mixer Pack**. [deadfrog.ca](http://deadfrog.ca)



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### 3rd Annual Craft Beer and Wilderness Retreat!

**Craft Beer and Wilderness**, June 6-10, 2020 at the Nootka Sound floating fishing resort, is a world-class, all-inclusive luxury wilderness foodie retreat paired with beer. 5 days, 4 nights, 20 taps, 3 brewers from Gigantic, Steamworks and Strange Fellows, along with 4 chefs, 2 Certified Cicerones, 2 Registered Massage Therapists, 1 naturalist, 1 historian, 2 hosts and 35 lucky guests combine to create an unforgettable food and beer experience unlike anything else!

Book by Jan 1, 2020 to Save \$500.

[www.craftbeerandwilderness.com](http://www.craftbeerandwilderness.com)



### Vancouver Brewery Tours

What to get for the beer lover who has all the "stuff"?

How about the ultimate craft beer experience with **Vancouver Brewery Tours**. Gift Certificates are available for purchase in our online shop and make the perfect holiday gift.

[vancouverbrewerytours.com/shop](http://vancouverbrewerytours.com/shop)

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### TOURING & TASTING

A gift card for a brewery tour is a super way to treat a loved one to a great day or night out on the town (especially if you get to come along). So are early bird beer festival tickets!



### Canadian Craft Tours

Give the gift of a libation experience this Holiday season. Gift cards give that special someone a night out with friends or to meet new people while having an entertaining and educational experience at local breweries or wineries.

[www.canadiancrafttours.ca](http://www.canadiancrafttours.ca)



*\$5 OFF All-Access and General Admission tickets with promo code WHATSBREWING2020*

### Whistler Village Beer Festival

Beer in the mountains - it just feels right!  
Join us on September 19 & 20 for the Whistler Village Beer Festival.

[www.wvbf.ca](http://www.wvbf.ca)

### Great Okanagan Beer Festival

The Great Okanagan Beer Festival, presented by The Train Station Pub, is returning to Kelowna on May 9th. Last year sold out so get your tickets now!

[www.gobf.ca](http://www.gobf.ca)

### Clover Valley Beer Festival

Over 40 breweries will come together #Fortheloveofbeer at the 3rd annual Clover Valley Beer Festival, presented by The Property Twins, on August 8, 2020!

[www.cvbf.ca](http://www.cvbf.ca)



### 25th Annual Okanagan Fest of Ale

Join us for our biggest party yet on April 17 & 18 in Penticton! Early Bird tickets on sale just in time for the holiday season.

Early Bird until Jan 15: \$25 Single Day or \$42 Weekend Pass Sip and stay packages starting at \$120!.

Tickets on sale December 1st at [www.festofale.ca](http://www.festofale.ca)



### Victoria Beer Week 2020

**Victoria Beer Week** is back! With over 14 events across 9 days featuring 50 BC craft breweries, tickets to VBW 2020 are the perfect gift for the beer lover in your life.

Tickets on sale Nov 29th at [www.victoriabeerweek.com](http://www.victoriabeerweek.com)

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# DRINKIN' GEAR



Driftwood Growler Tote Bag.  
Holds two 64oz growlers,  
protective inner sleeve: \$15  
[Driftwood shop](#)



Outdoor Growler Carrier:  
\$60-77 [Uncommon Goods](#)



Foamers' Folly Beer Can  
Holder. Keeps beer cool.  
\$30 [Foamers' shop](#)



Bike Chain Bottle Opener:  
Find at some BC breweries.  
\$13 at [Uncommon Goods](#)



Driftwood portable drink-  
ware: many colours available.  
\$25/\$85 [Driftwood shop](#)



White Powder-Coated Keg  
Growler: \$50  
[Russell shop](#)



Bottle Savers: \$5  
[Vancouver Brewery  
Tours](#) and others



[Bad Tattoo gear](#)



Very nice growler  
Parkside



Patterned bottle openers  
[Cannery store](#)

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# CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES



Foamers' Folly Baby Onesie. Three colours: \$25  
Foamers' shop



Drawstring knapsack: \$30  
Foamers' shop



Dickies' Puffy Jacket  
Red Truck \$75



Subliminal messaging socks: \$16  
Etsy



The Foamers' Folly Footwear Collection

You have to hand it to Foamers'. Who else has flip flops and running shoes in their online store?

Men's High-top Sneakers: \$60  
Unisex Flip-Flops: \$25



Nice hoodie: \$65  
Rustic Reel



Word Art Shirt: \$30  
Ravens store



Bird Logo cap: \$35  
Parkside shop



Wish List:  
Russell can holder belt buckle



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# ARTS & CRAFTS

“ Feeling crafty? Check out Lynn McIlwee’s easy step-by-step guide to making your own **Super Awesome Beer Advent Calendar™**



Beer Cap Maps: \$75 [beercapmaps.com](http://beercapmaps.com)



### Do-it-yourself Beer Advent Calendar Boxes

Many styles available  
[craftadventbox.com](http://craftadventbox.com) \$25/30

### Personalized Growlers!

Amazing custom engraved refillables from Vancouver's **Sigil & Growler**



### Circle Charm Necklaces

On CafePress \$26



### Beer Jewelry by Mags Bonham

On Etsy  
Necklace \$27  
Beer-rings \$20

“ Etsy is the perfect web site to peruse for one-off gifts.

### Beer Muse Wooden Beer Crafts

If you have a custom beer/hop gift in mind, Beer Muse might be the person to create it for you. [www.beer-muse.com](http://www.beer-muse.com)



### Craft IPA Beer Shampoo & Conditioner

Sessionable suds for your hair. Try this all-natural beer shampoo and conditioner: \$26 at **Uncommon Goods**



### Bath Accessories

Did you know: when one purchases a hop shower curtain (\$65) from **Concord Collections** on **CafePress**, one needs matching 3-inch wooden hop cone shower hooks from **Beer Muse**.

**Beer Soap**  
Found at many breweries, including **Cannery Store**



LET'S GET CRAFTY

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# NOVELTY ITEMS

# ODDBALL BEER GIFTS



Fat Tug  
Fishing  
Lure

OK, this is im-  
pressive. For  
the cost of a  
bomber: \$7  
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shop](#)



Wall Clock

Guess what time it is? Not Miller Time.  
\$32 [Foamers' shop](#)



Foamers' Folly Laptop Sleeve

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beer-branded tech accessory. Printed  
on one side with black rear,  
and available in three sizes: \$38  
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# VANCOUVER BREWERY TOUR GIFT CERTIFICATES

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Just in time for the holiday season, brewery tour gift certificates make the perfect experience gift for the beer loving friends, family and co-workers in your life.

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# BOOKS & READING

### >> TED CHILD

If you're shopping for a BC beer lover this season and they haven't read *Island Craft* by Jon C. Stott then congratulations — your search for the perfect gift is over. (For an extended review and why this book is a must read, see my [article in the Summer 2019 issue](#) of *What's Brewing*.) However, if you're looking for even more books about drink to gift this season, there is much to think about. With the golden age of beer in full swing, there has also been a revolution in craft spirits. Publishers have taken notice, and it's been good year (or two) for books about spirits, specifically Canadian spirits.

#### BOOKS ABOUT BEER

However essential the BJCP style guidelines are, they are not great fun to read. The Brewers Association's style guide, *The Guide to Craft Beer*, is just as informative but is an easier and a more engaging read. Fifteen style families are broken down into 81 styles and the listings are very up to date. As the title implies, this book focuses primarily on modern craft beer and the latest interpretations of styles, without getting bogged down in historical detail. The listings also include glassware and food pairing suggestions, unlike the BJCP guidelines. But the *Guide to Craft Beer*'s finest characteristic may be its dimensions: it's perfect to pop in your purse or pants pocket on the way to the festival, bottle shop, or taproom.

*Beer at My Table* by Canadian chef Tonia Wilson is the beer cookbook you've been waiting for. The opening chapters are some of the best explanations of beer and food pairings you'll find. The recipes are mouthwatering, approachable, and motivating, and each is paired with a classic beer style. Wilson recommends a specific product with each recipe but also suggests some backups and explains why that beer and that beer style pairs well with the recipe. For anyone interested in beer and food pairings, I cannot recommend this book enough.

A bit further afield we have *Viking Age Brew: The Craft of Brewing Sahti Farmhouse Ale* by Mika Laitinen. Sahti is one of the most unique beer styles in existence today and provides a look at one of the last remaining preindustrial brewing cultures. Much like Jeff Alworth's *Brew Masters*, you would be greatly diminishing Laitinen's work if you just thought of this as a home brewing book on a very obscure style. Almost three-quarters of the book explores the tradition and culture of Sahti brewing; only the last bit is devoted to doing it yourself.

Laitinen knows his subject very well, having spent extensive time with the Sahti masters, thoroughly investigated the ethnographic data, and brewed the beer himself. The bibliography is impressive. Even if you only have a passing interest in Sahti and pre-modern brewing, this book may have you thinking seriously about that stovetop kitchen recipe.



#### BOOKS ABOUT SPIRITS

For the English Lit majors on your list, look no further than *A Sidecar Named Desire: Great Writers and the Booze That Stirred Them*. There are undoubtedly many great beer, wine, and spirits writers both past and present, but none of them are James Joyce, William Faulkner or Carson McCullers. However intimate the relationship between humankind and alcohol, it's even more pronounced between great artists, particularly writers, and booze. Alcohol was often important, if not essential, to many great writers' processes. Not all of these stories end well (for example, Malcolm Lowry). This extensively illustrated book distills what the great writers had to say about booze. Want to know where Maya Angelou kept her sherry? How about Jane Austen's recipe for spruce beer? You'll find them here.

I am fond of the writing of Stephen Beaumont (as I wrote in [my article in the 2018 issue](#) of *What's Brewing*), and was excited when Stephen told me he was working on a book about Canadian distilling. In *Canadian Spirits*, Beaumont teams up with well-known spirits writer Christine Sismondo to write the book that was begging to be written. It's a broad field, but this book avoids becoming overwhelming by focusing on just the spirits that distilleries believe most represents them. It's a great way to discover or rediscover some of the amazing and diverse spirits being made in this country. Showcased within: the author of our next book.

So you have all these new and exciting choices in Canadian spirits, but what to do with them? Let some of Canada's best bartenders, from small town to big city, give you some ideas. *Great Northern Cocktails* is the new book by Shawn Soole, a fixture in the Victoria cocktail culture and an essential participant in its ongoing evolution. This book's great strength, apart from the amazing recipes, is that Soole leaves no reader behind. Each recipe is graded for difficulty (with one, two, or three asterisks) and the book includes a nice mix of all three levels. The preparation section is detailed and the glossary will help even a novice. This book features some of Canada's most creative bartenders, but don't let that intimidate you. The recipes are tasty, and the short biographies of the bartenders are inspiring. Your home bartending skills are about to get much better. 🍹



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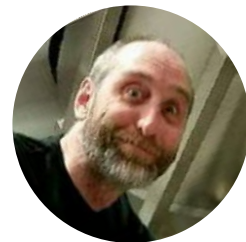
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# HOME BREWING



Need ideas for a thoughtful gift the homebrewer in your life will use and appreciate? We're here to help.

- Warren Boyer, Homebrew Happenin's



## BREWING EQUIPMENT



**ThermoWorks Thermopen Mk4** is a highly accurate digital thermometer that gives a reading in 2 to 3 seconds. The probe folds into the body for protection in storage. I keep mine in the kitchen and use it for cooking as well.



**TILT Hydrometer** is a free-floating digital hydrometer and thermometer. This device floats in your fermenter for continuous real-time monitoring of the gravity and temperature. It connects via Bluetooth to your tablet or smart phone so you can monitor and track progress without needing to open the fermenter. Cool gadget for homebrewers.



Every homebrewer can appreciate a good pump. The **Blichmann Rip Tide Brewing Pump** is deluxe option. I have a **Chugger Brew Pump** that has been great. And don't forget the fittings to connect the new pump to the hoses that will connect to a mash tun or kettle. The two easiest to use types of fittings are Cam-lock and Tri-Clamp. Preferences vary, so maybe give a gift card for this.



## INGREDIENTS

Something every brewer needs.

A 25-kilogram bag of **Bohemian floor malted pilsner** from Weyermann would make a lovely gift for the all-grain brewer.

Good things also come in small packages. For example, packets of **dry yeast** or one-ounce bags of **Cryo Hops** can make for stocking stuffers.

### Dry Yeast

**Safale S-04** and **US-05** are both versatile ale yeasts. The S-04 is more suited to British styles while the US-05 is better for American style ales. **Saflager W-34** is a good lager yeast.



Hops are commonly sold in 1-ounce bags. **Cryo Hops**—a concentrated version of hop pellets—are a new thing your brewer might be delighted to experiment with. Pro tip: pick a variety that starts with a 'C' if you're not sure.

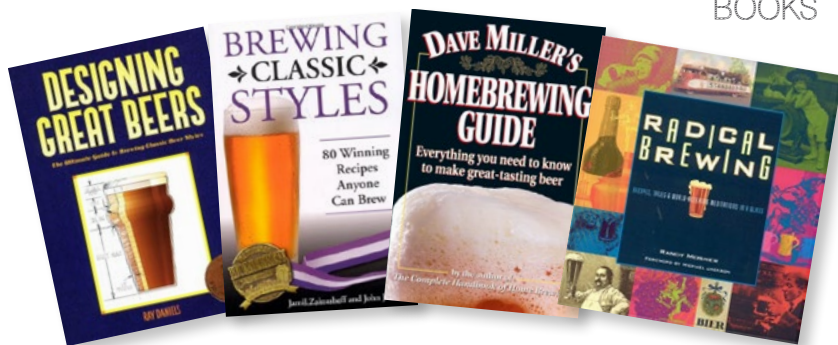
## CLEANERS AND SANITIZERS

A good brewery cleaner like **Powdered Brewery Wash (PBW)** makes cleanup more effective. A quality sanitizer such as **Star San** will make sure the final product is of the highest quality and not tainted by unwanted organisms.



## BOOKS

Books are always good, and *brewing* books are even better.



Brewers looking to improve their scores at homebrew contests could benefit from **Brewing Classic Styles: 80 Winning Recipes Anyone Can Brew** by John Palmer and Jamil Zainasheff or **Designing Great Beers: The Ultimate Guide to Brewing Classic Beer Styles** by Ray Daniels.

Dave Miller's **Homebrewing Guide** could be useful for a new brewer.

Adventurous brewers might enjoy **Radical Brewing: Recipes, Tales and World-Altering Meditations in a Glass** by Randy Mosher.

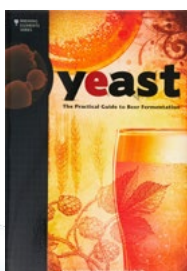
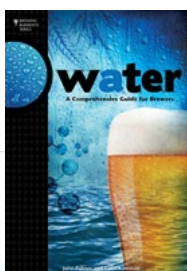
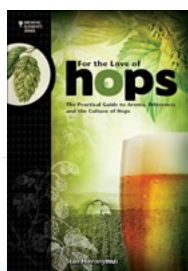
Advanced brewers will love the four-book **Brewing Elements** series from Brewers Publications:

**For the Love of Hops: The Practical Guide to Aroma, Bitterness and the Culture of Hops.**

**Water: A Comprehensive Guide for Brewers.**

**Malt: A Practical Guide from Field to Brewhouse.**

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