

Have A Drink With Ink

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Anderson Craft Ales : Pumpkin
From London, Ontario, Canada

Good Evening and welcome to the Seventy-Third volume of *Have a Drink with Ink*. Tonight's selection is a reminder that Thanksgiving and Hallowe'en are right around the corner. No, I don't have *Holiday Dyslexia*; I'm Canadian... Last year, I had the chance to review several pumpkin beers; some were pretty tasty, while others not so much. There was one specific recipe that tasted like a festive wax candle... I wrote about it in [Have a Drink with Ink volume 3](#), boy was that an experience! I also covered some interesting facts about pumpkin beers in [volume 1](#).

As you might have guessed, this is going to be a seasonal beer. Every year, I try to grab as many different pumpkin beers as I can get my hands on. Unfortunately, this year sucks! I mean it doesn't help that I have also made it a point to not go to the LCBO until *the year that shall not be named* is over. So, for the time being, I will only be supporting small breweries in person. I was planning a trip to the Grand River Brewing Company. Regrettably, GRBC has closed down their Galt location. GRBC will continue to brew their beer, but in a limited capacity out of their parent brewery, (Magnotta) in Vaughn Ontario. So, no pumpkin ales from GRBC this year. Their [Beam Me Up : a Scotty ale](#) is also unavailable, which is a shame, since it was an awesome smoked Scottish ale. I gave this peaty masterpiece a 9-9.5 out of 10!

Presentation

Colouration:	Reddish copper	90% Translucent
Aroma:	Warm spices	
Flavour:	Strong spices, (possibly allspice)	Mild pumpkin
Body:	Medium light	Semi-smooth with a wet finish
Carbonation:	Fairly low with a short lived head that barely covers the surface	
Aftertaste:	A lingering warm spice taste	
Ingredients:	Hops:	Not Listed
	Malts:	Not Listed
	Spices:	Pumpkins
Additional notes:	I found the ale tasted a little savory	

Beer Stats (100)

Alcohol volume	5%
Bitter	3
Body	35
Carbonation	5
Final Gravity	2.3
IBU	15
Liquid volume	355ml
Original Gravity	11.05
Sour	0
SRM	12
Sweet	1-2
Tart	0
Temperature	8°

Score

6-6.5/10

Final Thoughts

While Anderson Craft Ale's *Pumpkin* was all right as far as ales go, it neither reminded me of pumpkin pie or Fall. I'm not sure what season they were attempting to simulate with the spices, but it most certainly wasn't Fall!

I found the spice flavour to be a little overwhelming; it most certainly overpowered the pumpkin flavour. I assume that it was allspice, since it's relatively cheap and it simulates most of the spices used in a traditional pumpkin pie. Maybe they should have just called it *Allspiced Ale*. Okay, the spice pun was a bit much, but then so were the spices used to brew this beer!

Thanks for reading the article! I hope that you enjoyed it. If you have any suggestions or requests, feel free to leave me a note down in the comments section.

And as always, please remember to drink responsibly.

Cheers!

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