Recipe for Pre-Enclosure Herb Flavoured Ale 1 kg malt extract 1 kg of brown sugar 1 spoon of yeast 1 oz of yarrow, nettles and 20 juniper berries Makes 5 gallons (40 pints)

Process

Mix malt extract with 1 gallon of hot water, and stir in sugar to dissolve. Meanwhile in 2 gallons of hot water boil the herbs (yarrow, nettle and juniper berries) for an hour.

In a big bucket strain and mix the malt and herb water. Add 2 gallons of cold water to make it all lukewarm for the yeast. Add the yeast. For a stronger brew add a sachet of brewers yeast, otherise activate a spoon of bread yeast in 200ml of warm water with a spoon of sugar. When it is frothy add to the ale. Cover the bucket, and leave in a warm place. After 10 days it is probably ready to siphon into a 5 gallon brewing barrel (or you can use plastic pop bottles.) Leave for 2 weeks and it should be ready!



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