

# Heart River

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## Cold Spring Brewing Co. 3-Lick Spiker Ale

### HOME BREWERS COMMENTS:

3-Lick Spiker Ale brewed by Cold Spring Brewing Co. of Cold Spring, MN. was dark-colored, with caramel, molasses, oak, vanilla, bourbon, roast and alcohol flavors, full-bodied, with a good hop background and finish. A nice, complex, winter-warmer ale.

### STYLE DEFINITION:

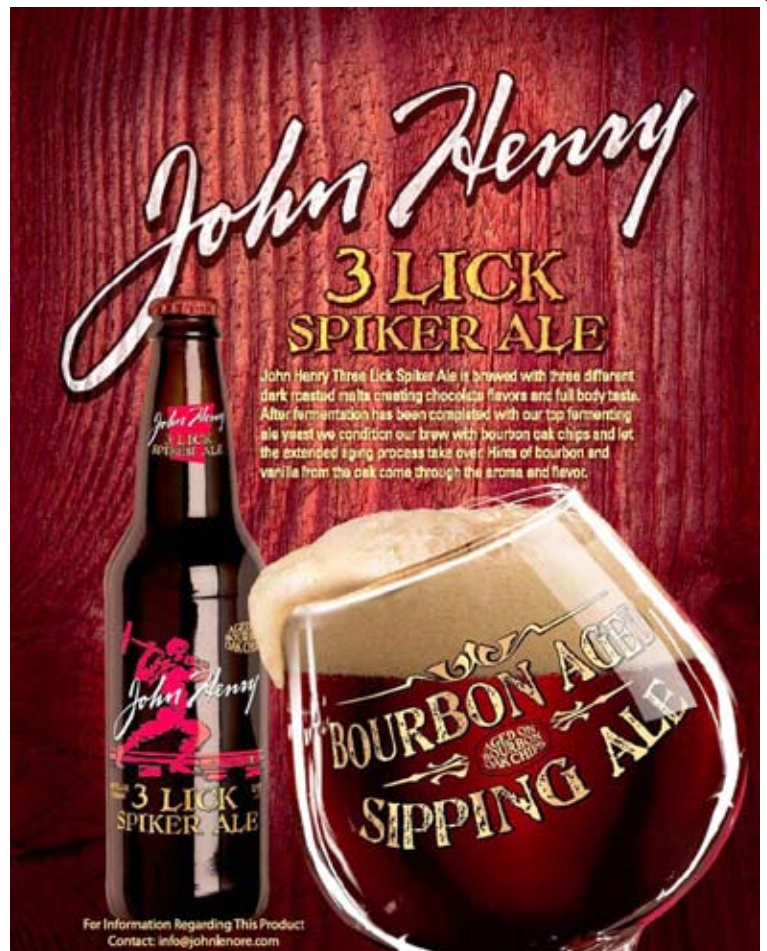
American Strong Ale: Catch all style category for beers from 7.0 percent alcohol by volume and above. Some may even be as high as 25% abv. Characteristics will greatly vary; some have similarities to Barley-wines and Old Ales. Barrel aging is certainly not out of the question.

(beeradvocate.com)

### John Henry 3 Lick Spiker Ale

In recognition of the men who built railroads across this country we dedicate this ale. These skilled railroad men could swing a nine pound spike mallet and drive an iron spike into the railroad tie in three swings. That is the basis of the term "3 lick spiker". Named after the mystical folk hero, John Henry, who competed and beat the automatic machine spiker.

John Henry Three Lick Spiker Ale is an imperial stout brew style that has been bourbon oak aged. This beer is brewed with three different dark roasted malts creating chocolate flavors and a dark appearance. Oats are also added for additional body and flavor. Combined with the pale and caramel malts, there are over 12,000 lbs. of barley in the brew. Cascade, Willamette, and Alsace Hops are the three hops added for a hoppy tasty and full aroma. After fermentation has been completed with our top fermenting ale yeast, conditioning starts and the fun begins. We condition our brew with bourbon oak and let the extended aging process take over. Hints of bourbon and vanilla from the oak come through in the aroma and flavor. This is a big beer that you can not pass up.



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