



FIREBRICK

HOME BREWERS COMMENTS:

Heart River Homebrewers Comments: The beer had a good malt aroma and flavor typical of Vienna malt and had a deep copper color. The malt was balanced by the subtle flavors of noble hops, most likely Hallertauer and Tettnanger, with a light noble hop finish. Firebrick was a very nice example of a Vienna-style lager.

STYLE DEFINITION:

The Association of Brewers defines the beer class Vienna lager as a reddish brown or copper colored beer with medium body and slight malt sweetness. The malt aroma and flavor may have a toasted character. Hop bitterness should be clean and crisp. Noble-type hop aroma and flavor should be low or mild. As with most lagers, fruitiness due to esters is a defect. Diacetyl, which can impart a butterscotch aroma and flavor, should not be perceptible. (www.beertown.org)

FireBrick

FireBrick was introduced in 1999, and is named after the bricks that line Schell's old boilers. It is the culmination of an effort to bridge the gap between the "popular-tasting" beers and the heartier, hand-crafted ones.

FireBrick is a refreshing all-malt lager with an amber-red hue that reflects the feeling of the brewery itself.

It has been described by Ted Marti as having a "subtle maltiness combined with a hint of hoppy taste that creates a mild, pleasantly drinkable beer." It is made with four specialty malts, along with Vanguard, Chinook and Hallertau hops.

Beer Style: Vienna-style amber lager

Alcohol by Volume: 5%

Characteristics: Reddish-Amber hue. Carries a mild, pleasant maltiness with subtle sweetness and a light hoppy finish. A very drinkable, year round beer.

Awards: Bronze medal at the 2002 Great American Beer Festival.

Excerpt taken from www.schellsbrewery.com



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