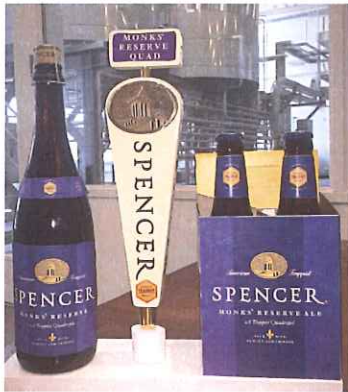




# SPENCER BREWERY

## The Spencer Brewery Releases New Beer

### American Trappist Brewery Introduces New Quadrupel Ale



**Spencer, MA** – The Spencer Brewery announced today the forthcoming release of its new **Spencer Monks' Reserve Ale**, a classic Trappist Quadrupel in the Belgian tradition.

Belgian brewing tradition developed a system of characterizing bottle-conditioned ales based on the quantity of malt and the ale's original gravity. The resulting categories include the Single, the Dubbel, the Tripel and the Quadrupel (or Quad). Quads are "big", strong, dark, ales that typically contain 10%+ alcohol by volume and are considered top-of-the-line products.

**Spencer Monks' Reserve Ale** is fragrant, robust and full bodied, mahogany in color and crowned with a dense, tan, frothy head. Its malt-forward profile yields to a warm finish, with an ABV of 10.2%.

The recipe development phase of this Quad stretched over three years and 13 experimental brews. The Spencer monks sought an alternative to the use of spices for flavor enhancement by pushing the boundaries of traditional Trappist Quad malt profiles, even incorporating some local barley grown in nearby Barre, MA, which was craft malted in Hadley, MA. The outcome is a unique product with a distinct flavor profile well situated within the Trappist family of Quadrupel ales. **Spencer Monks' Reserve Ale** received the approval of the International Trappist Association in March 2017.

In announcing **Spencer Monks' Reserve Ale**, Father Isaac Keeley, Spencer Brewery Director, notes, "It is a major event for a Trappist brewery to introduce a new Quad. We took our time developing this one and we are rather happy with the result." This beer was well received in

Brussels by the Board of the International Trappist Association to whom it was presented for sensory evaluation and a vote of approval. The monks of Spencer look forward to serving this new Quad during their Sunday supper, as well as sharing it with their friends in the United States, Europe, and Asia.

**Spencer Monks' Reserve Ale** will be available for public tasting in the US at the BeerAdvocate Microbrew Invitational at the Seaport World Trade Center in Boston on June 2-3, 2017. **Spencer Monks' Reserve Ale** will be available to our distributors on June 12<sup>th</sup> and at retail shortly thereafter. It will be featured at The Spencer Brewery's Open House on June 24, 2017.

In 2013 St. Joseph's Abbey became home to The Spencer Brewery, which is one of eleven certified Trappist breweries in the world and the only one located outside of Europe. The monks of Spencer make bottle-conditioned ales in the centuries-old tradition, as well as various American craft beers – all while living the motto "*ora et labora*" (pray and work). In accordance with the Trappist way of life, all proceeds from their work are used to support the monastery, with any surplus donated to charity – primarily charities that help the poor. The beers crafted by The Spencer Brewery are available in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Ohio, Michigan, and throughout Europe. Outside our distribution area Spencer products are available at [belgianstyleales.com](http://belgianstyleales.com). The Spencer Brewery plans to start exporting to Asia later this year. For more information about The Spencer Brewery and the monks of St. Joseph's Abbey visit their websites at [spencerbrewery.com](http://spencerbrewery.com) and [spencerabbey.org](http://spencerabbey.org). For any specific questions regarding **Spencer Monks' Reserve Ale** (media inquiries, distribution, etc.) please email [frisaac@spencerbrewery.com](mailto:frisaac@spencerbrewery.com).

Spencer beers make a good day better and a special occasion all the more memorable. Pair with family and friends.

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