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America's Premier Specialty Beer Importer Happy Holidays

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This is the monthly e-newsletter from beer importer Merchant du Vin. It is designed to promote understanding, enjoyment, and sales of fine beer.

Have a great holiday season and a fine new year!

Our retail partners are working long days this time of year, people are looking forward to additional time with their families, and another year is winding down. This month our e-news is brief: we want to say thanks for enhancing your life and growing your business with the fine beer we import. We wish you the best of the Holiday Season and a very merry New Year.

Keep safe, be courteous out there at all those crowded stores, and don't forget to tip your server and bartender well.

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News & Events

This month's MdV beer accolades & news

Merchant du Vin's benchmark imports continue to gain more attention in the media:

Samuel Smith's Winter Welcome Ale is among the "Essential Winter Beers," in the Nov. 14, '08 Philadelphia Daily News. There's a photo of this year's label as well - Don "Joe Sixpack" Russell's article is right [here](#).

Draft Magazine gave Lindemans Cuvée René gueuze a 97-point review in the Nov/Dec '08 issue - take a look in .pdf right [here](#).

Winter Welcome is the top-rated winter beer at The Full Pint.com - check it out and vote yourself right [here](#).

Epicurious.com's Top 5 Holiday Beers include Samuel Smith's Winter Welcome Ale; [the article](#) is by noted beer author & speaker Stephen Beaumont.

Ayinger again had the highest rated wheat beers in the World Beer Championships, as reported in the Nov. '08 *All About Beer* magazine: Brau-Weisse earned a 97-point Platinum medal, and Ur-Weisse a 95-point Gold.

A full current news listing is always on our [news page](#); you can also check local beer tastings, dinners and festivals on our [national events page](#) and read previous html versions of this newsletter at our [e-news archive](#). If you are interested in beer glassware, clothing and collectables we also have an online [e-store](#) . . . **and we recently added cool embroidered fleece Samuel Smith beanies, as well as Samuel Smith embroidered wind shirts. Great gift ideas!**

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