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## BEER TALK



### World Beers Reviewed



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### HE'BREW BITTERSWEET LENNY'S R.I.P.A.



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KY, MD, DC, DE, MA, MI, MO, NJ, NY, NC, PA, TN, VA, WA, WI

Somewhat I can't imagine Lenny Bruce was an ale drinker, but let's salute this tribute to him. It has a red-bronze color and an inviting aroma of rye, dried fruits and Dundee cake. It is truly bittersweet in the mouth, with hops forming a bitter base but with fruit and ripe malt on top. The finish has enormous length with rich sultana fruit, fresh tobacco, chewy rye and tangy, bitter hops. Some beer—but a Jewish India Pale Ale?

This beer's sweet-talkin' head emits eloquent aromatics, but definitely not with any of Lenny Bruce's legendary obscenities. Thick and generous with fine deep color, the rye malt adds an interesting dimension. What a fine beer this is, and it grows in the glass. I was a Lenny Bruce fan. You couldn't ignore Lenny in his day, and we can't ignore this wonderful brew! But there was no such in his time.

Don't you just love it when someone brews a really big beer—and then puts it in a really big bottle? It brings out the extreme in me. (I'm getting too old for skateboarding or triathalons.) This thick, creamy, chewy beer with notes of toffee, molasses, and nougat is balanced by dried spices, hop bitterness, and just the right dose of fruit. For best drinkability and flavor, enjoy it at cellar temperature.