

# Dark Beer Family

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## Dark & Roasty Styles

- **Porter** – Very close to stout, often a bit lighter-bodied and with more chocolate/coffee notes than heavy roast.
  - **Baltic Porter** – Stronger, smoother, sometimes slightly sweet; lagered (fermented cold) for a clean finish.
  - **Imperial Stout** – A big, boozy, intense version of stout with deep roasted flavors and higher alcohol.
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## Malty & Sweet Styles

- **Milk Stout (Sweet Stout)** – Brewed with lactose sugar (not vegan unless specified), giving a creamy, sweet, dessert-like taste. Vegan-friendly versions use alternatives.
  - **Oatmeal Stout** – Smooth and velvety, thanks to oats, with a subtle sweetness and nutty undertone.
  - **Pastry Stouts** – Modern craft versions with added flavors like vanilla, cocoa nibs, coconut, or even donuts.
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## Flavorful & Adjacent Styles

- **Brown Ale** – Lighter than stout but still toasty, nutty, and caramel-forward.
- **Schwarzbier (Black Lager)** – A German black lager with roasted flavors, but lighter and crisper than stout.
- **Dunkel** – A dark German lager, malt-forward with caramel, bread, and toffee notes.
- **Bock / Doppelbock** – Rich, malty German lagers, less roasty than stouts but full-bodied.

## Classic Stout Styles

- **Dry Irish Stout** – Light-bodied, roasted, and crisp (like Guinness).
  - **Oatmeal Stout** – Creamy and smooth, thanks to oats.
  - **Imperial Stout** – Strong, boozy, and deeply roasted.
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## **Coffee-Infused Styles**

- **Coffee Stout** – Classic stout brewed with coffee beans; flavors of espresso, mocha, roasted nuts.
  - **Coffee Porter** – Similar but usually lighter than a stout, often with sweeter chocolate-coffee tones.
  - **Espresso Stout** – A more intense, dark-roast version of a coffee stout.
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## **Sweet & Dessert Styles**

- **Milk Stout (Sweet Stout)** – Creamy and sweet (watch for lactose if you want vegan).
- **Pastry Stout** – Flavored with dessert-style additions (vanilla, cocoa, coconut, maple, etc.), often combined with coffee.