

Cheers!

WHEN IT COMES TO BEER, MICROBREWERIES PROVE THAT BIGGER ISN'T ALWAYS BETTER

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1 CAPE BREWING CO

Cape Winelands

CBC is located on the Spice Route Winery, a real foodie heaven, making it a great place for the whole family. While the wife and kids are tasting artisan chocolate, you can tour the brewery, taste the beers and meet the brewmaster.

Best beer Krystal Weiss

📍 Spice Route, Suid-Agter Paarl Road

☎ 021 863 2270

🌐 www.capebrewing.co.za



2 GILROY'S BREWERY

Muldersdrift

Don't let the relaxed Magaliesburg garden setting fool you: Gilroy's takes beer seriously. Sign up for the Beer Experience on Saturday mornings (R100) to learn about (and drink) this life-giving nectar. Non-drinkers can enjoy all the Ngwenya Village has to offer.

Best beer Gilroy Serious

📍 On the R114 ☎ 011 796 3020 🌐 www.gilroybeers.co.za

3 UNITY BRASSERIE & BAR

Durban

Durbanites who love craft beer all agree that the Unity Bar is where it's at. Great food and the biggest selection of craft beers in KZN make it a place you just keep coming back to.

Best beer Brewers & Union Berne

📍 117 Silverton Road

☎ 031 201 3470

🌐 unitybar.co.za

4 CLARENS BREWERY

Clarens

Views of the Maluti Mountains are epic, and the atmospheric bar is actually in the brewery. The town comes alive every February for the Clarens Craft Beer Festival, with more than 15 microbreweries represented.

Best beer Clarens Red

📍 326 Main Street

☎ 058 256 1193

🌐 www.clarensbrewery.com

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5 BANANA JAM CAFE

Cape Town

The self-proclaimed 'headquarters of SA's craft beer revolution' in Harfield Village may not make its own beer, but stocks an array of SA's finest. Have your brew with their Jamaican comfort food.

Best beer Citizen Alliance American Amber Ale

📍 157 2nd Avenue, Harfield Village

☎ 021 674 0186

🌐 www.bananajamcafe.co.za

6 THE LEAGUE OF BEERS

Explore the world of craft beer by joining the Beer of the Month Club. And once you find your favourite brew, order it by the case.

Best beer Everything in the Monthly Mixed Case

☎ 0861 824 1893

7 www.leagueofbeers.com
TRIGGERFISH BREWING

Somerset West

With up to 17 beers, Triggerfish offers more variety than any other SA microbrewery, ranging from easy-drinking ales to a Russian imperial stout. Take the kids to visit the Cheetah Outreach next door to pet a cheetah.

Best beer The Kraken
 🏠 Cnr De Beers Avenue and Broadway Road, Somerset West
 ☎ 021 851 5861
 🌐 www.triggerfishbrewing.co.za

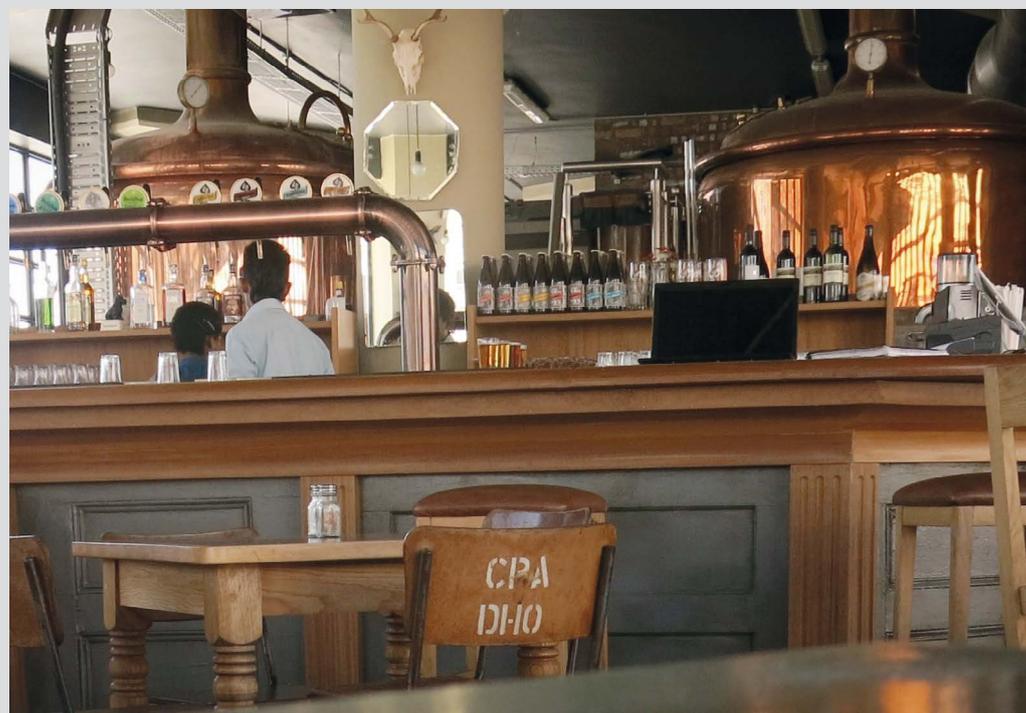
8 **PORCUPINE QUILL BREWING CO**

Durban

Porcupine Quill Brewing Co is situated on the cool slopes just outside Durban, close to the Valley of 1000 Hills. Taste the delicious beers, have a scrumptious deli lunch and even take a case or two (or three!) home.

Best beer Flat Tail Porcupine Ale
 🏠 Old Main Road, Botha's Hill
 ☎ 031 777 1566
 🌐 www.craftbrewers.co.za

9 **Devil's Peak Brewing Company, Cape Town**



Devil's Peak's scientific approach to the art of brewing has resulted in consistently producing some of the best beers in the country. Their chic Taproom in hipster Salt River completes the package.

Best beer The King's Blockhouse IPA
 🏠 95 Durham Avenue, Salt River
 ☎ 021 200 5818 🌐 www.devilspeakbrewing.co.za



10 **Darling Brew, Darling**

Darling Brew makes South Africa's only 'slow beer', so it's fitting, then, that it all happens in the laid-back town of Darling, near Cape Town. Take a trip up the West Coast to this sweet yet slightly sleepy village – even better during flower season, August to October – and visit their taproom, Slow Quarter. It's around the corner from famous Evita se Perron (pictured left), so grab a couple of pints before a show to see Tannie Evita Bezuidenhout in action.

Best beer Bone Crusher
 🏠 5 Main Road, Darling
 ☎ 022 492 3798
 🌐 www.darlingbrew.co.za ♦