

SEASONS GREETINGS FROM THE MONARCHY

The Monarchy is an offshoot of Cologne's revolutionary small brewery, Braustelle. While it's focus is on reviving and reinterpreting lost traditional German beer styles, the brewery also offers regular and seasonal specialty ales, often featuring unique combinations of spices and fruits. For Christmas this year they were inspired by the local baked good from three German cities; Dresden, Aachen and Nürnberg. The three beers were brewed in collaboration with local traditional bakeries. All the beers are 5.5% abv, and available in 30 Liter KeyKegs



HAPPY XMAS FROM AACHEN



In the 15th century, copper workers from Dinant, Belgium emigrated to the German city of Aachen, bringing with them the centuries-old tradition of engraved pastries and cakes. Today, the term "Aachener Printen" is a Protected Designation of Origin and all manufacturers of the special Christmas delicacies are found in or near the town. Happy Christmas From Aachen is made with "Gingerbread Man" spices - cinnamon, nutmeg, clove, ginger, cardamom, and coriander seed.

HAPPY XMAS FROM DRESDEN



Stollen, a moist, heavy German cake filled with fruit, was first mentioned in an official document in 1474, and the most famous Stollen is still the Dresdner Stollen, sold, amongst other places, at the local Christmas market, Striezelmarkt, where it's called "Christstollen." The official stollen is produced exclusively in Dresden, and usually contains a healthy mix of nuts and spices in addition to the dried fruit. The Monarchy's Happy Christmas From Dresden is made with candied peels of orange & lemon, and raisins.

HAPPY XMAS FROM NÜRNBERG



Lebkuchen were invented by medieval monks in Franconia, Germany in the 13th century, and the earliest recorded mention of local "Nürnberg Lebkuchen" dates to at least 1395. Historically known as honey cake (Honigkuchen) or pepper cake (Pfefferkuchen). Lebkuchen comes in many configurations, the most famous being the heart-shaped souvenir version found in German Christmas markets. Happy Christmas From Nürnberg is made with a plethora of spices and fruits, including cinnamon, nutmeg, clove, ginger cardamom, coriander seed, and candied peels of orange and lemon.

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