

### **Chocolate Covered Cherries Instructions**

#### **RECIPE INCLUDES:**

- 1 Can Oktoberfest Lager Brewing Extract
- 1 Packet Dry Brewing Yeast (under lid of Brewing Extract)
- 1 BrewMax LME Softpack Robust
- 1 Can Royal Anne's Cherries
- 1 Packet No-Rinse Cleanser

WARNING: Due to the large amount of fruit, your keg may overflow or explode! Maintaining proper fermentation temperatures is key to preventing this problem. (See brewing instructions for details).

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

MAKES APPROX. 2 GALLONS OF BEER IN ABOUT 3 WEEKS.

OG: 1.044 (approx.) -- FG: 1.011 (approx.) Suggested conditioning time is 2 to 4 months.

Flavor: Fruity

ABV (alc/vol): 4.5% SRM (Color): 23 IBU (Bitterness): 21

## **STEP 1: SANITIZING**

Follow the steps outlined in your Mr. Beer Kit Instructions. (You can find a copy of these instructions to download by <u>visiting our help desk.</u>)

NOTE: BE SURE TO SANITIZE EVERYTHING THAT WILL COME INTO CONTACT WITH YOUR BEER.

### STEP 2: BREWING

Brewing beer is the process of combining a starch source (in this case, a malt brewing extract) with yeast. Once combined, the yeast eats the sugars in the malt, producing alcohol and carbon dioxide (CO2). This process is called fermentation.





- 1. In your sanitized blender, purée the fruit with the syrup, and set aside to add later.
- 2. Remove the yeast packet from under the lid of the can of Brewing Extract, then place the unopened can and LME softpack in hot tap water.
- 3. Using the sanitized measuring cup, pour 4 cups of water into your clean 3-quart or larger pot.
- 4. Bring mixture to a boil, then **remove from heat**. Open the can of Brewing Extract and the LME, pour contents into the hot mixture. Stir until thoroughly mixed. This mixture of unfermented beer is called wort.
- 5. Fill keg with cold tap water to the 4-quart mark on the back.
- 6. Pour the wort into the keg, and then bring the volume of the keg to the 8.5-quart mark by adding more cold water. Add in the fruit purée. Stir vigorously with the spoon or whisk.
- 7. Sprinkle the yeast packet into the keg, and screw on the lid. Do not stir.
- 8. Put your keg in a location with a consistent temperature between 68° and 76° F (20°-25° C) and out of direct sunlight. Ferment for 14 days.
- 9. After approximately 24 hours, you will be able to see the fermentation process happening by shining a flashlight into the keg. You'll see the yeast in *action* in the wort. The liquid will be opaque and milky, you will see bubbles rising in the liquid, and there will be bubbles on the surface.

Your fermentation will usually reach its peak in 2 to 5 days (this is also known as "high krausen"). You may see a layer of foam on top of the wort, and sediment will accumulate at the bottom of the fermenter. This is totally normal. Complete fermentation will take approximately 2 weeks.

After high krausen the foam and activity will subside and your batch will appear to be dormant. Your beer is still fermenting. The yeast is still at work slowly finishing the fermentation process.

# **Step 3: BOTTLING AND CARBONATING**

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