

[Mendocino Brewing Company- Winter Seasonal Imperial IPA \(Limited Edition India Pale Ale\): Thank God For Good Neighbors](#)

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Occasionally I will head across the street to my neighbor's house to deliver a bottle of whatever new stuff I have to be reviewed (and to be honest I think his wife is starting to believe that I am a bad influence). I do this because I am of the belief that if you can't share a beer or your love of beer with someone, then what the hell is the point of brewing beer? You might as well shut em' all down because beer is a social beverage and damn it, I like being social and I love beer. But I digress; thankfully last week on my weekly trip across the street, my neighbor had a special treat for me.



He handed me a bottle of [Mendocino's Winter Seasonal Imperial IPA](#). This is the first IPA that I have seen offered as a winter seasonal and despite not being a big fan of [IPA's](#) I figured [WTH](#).

[Mendocino Brewing Company](#) classifies this brew as an India Pale Ale and their website describes [Winter Seasonal Imperial IPA](#) as "Our Winter Seasonal Imperial IPA has been delicately crafted for those crisp cool days when the skies are resplendent and the air glistens with the slow fall of a million flakes, when nature gets ready to turn her thermostat way down and your desire for something warm and entusing is almost a primal urge.

This beer poured a slightly hazy amber color with a cream colored 1" head, spicy, citrus & hoppy aromas and registers a winter warming 7.5% ABV.

This beer is the reason that I knew I was moving into the right neighborhood four years ago. After good beer and good family there comes good neighbors and when it comes to neighbors I won the lottery. This beer is a welcomed break from the other winter seasonals I have tried this year. This beer is full of hoppy goodness and goes down easier that that fat guy trying to get down your chimney. That being said I dedicated this review to my neighbor...here's to you neighborino, thanks for the beer!!

Happy Birthday Mark!!!

ABV: 7.5%

Consumed: New Belgium Globe Glass

Verdict: Buy A Case