

About Beer.

When was beer invented?

One does not know exactly but it was probably first produced by the Sumerians, who lived in Mesopotamia 5000 years ago. They added powdered wheat to water, which caused natural fermentation.

The old Egyptians and Germanic tribes were known to add herbs and fragrant weeds to their beer to enhance the flavour. One of these herbs is called hop. Hop-flavoured beer was highly regarded for its bitter and refreshing fragrance and taste which could be preserved for a long time, and since then hop has become an integral part of the brewing process.

When was beer brought to Japan?

In "The Holland Question and Answer" an interpreter from Nagasaki recorded that the Dutch used to drink beer.

But who started to produce beer in Japan?

In 1870, the American W. Copland opened a beer brewery in the Yamate settlement in Yokohama.

There are a lot of different kinds of beer, but depending on the different usage of yeast one can generally classify the various types in the following manner:

Chart

The majority of beer types in Japan and in the world belong to the top-fermenting Pilsner group.

Generally, the best temperature for beer is between 6-8 degrees (Celsius), though there is a place in Japan where a glass of beer is served frozen.

To enjoy beer to the most extend, one should not leave it in the sun or at too warm places and should avoid oxidation.

The lowest temperature before the beer cools down too much is 3 degrees.

The best way to serve beer: Use a glass, that has been thoroughly cleaned of oil and dish liquid. Pour the beer carefully, first smoothly, then with more pressure. Once the froth is visible, it should rise to the top and form a nice shape.

The ideal beer glass is said to consist of 70% beer (liquid) and 30% froth.

The key to a delicious glass of beer is freshness. Please drink your beer as fresh as possible and enjoy its characteristic flavour and mellow taste.

To enjoy the fresh and sharp-edged taste of a good glass of beer, you certainly have to come to the beer brewery in Moriya!