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BRIDGEPORT BREWING COMPANY FORECASTS DARK RAIN THIS WINTER SEASON

BridgePort's Newest Seasonal Brew Features a Dark Malt with a Handful of Oregon Hops

PORTLAND, Ore. – Dec. 5, 2012 – BridgePort Brewing Company, Oregon's oldest craft brewery, will release its newest winter seasonal ale, Dark Rain, on Jan. 1. A perfect beer for cold winter and spring nights, the smooth roasted flavors of Bridgeport's Dark Rain create the toasty-warm feeling of home.

The new brew is a black ale that features a generous amount of Crystal and Dark Wheat malts, creating its dense color. While you may expect an assault on the senses, this refreshing beer has a mild bitterness that starts with roasted, hoppy aromatic notes and finishes with the dry hop characteristics of Oregon's largest hop variety, Nugget Hops. Dark Rain will be available in six-packs and 12-packs across the United States.

"Dark Rain is that link between darker, maltier beers and the highly-hopped pale ales that our fans might be more accustomed to," explains Bridgeport's brewmaster, Jeff Edgerton. "While using the bold flavors that come from very dark roasted malts is not new to Bridgeport, this is the first time that we have layered these flavors with five distinct hop varieties – all from the state of Oregon."

BridgePort's Dark Rain Ale Stats:

IBU's: 60.0 ABV: 5.6% Color: Black OG: 14.4

Ingredients: Dark crystal malt, Dark Wheat Malt, Nugget, Chinook, Crystal, Centennial, and Cascade hops.

Description: Black Wheat and Dark Crystal Malt add dense color and mild smooth flavors to this intensely hopped Black Ale. This ale has a very drinkable, mid-level alcohol and bitterness that starts with roasted and hoppy aromatic notes and finishes with the dry hop character of the Nugget hop varietal. A Chinook, Crystal, Centennial and Cascade blend is used in our hopjack to provide full flavored background hoppiness.

About BridgePort Brewing Company

Oregon's oldest craft brewery continues to evolve from a microbrewery to a regional leader in craft brewing, while remaining faithful to its commitment to producing high-quality, innovative craft ales. The BridgePort family of ales includes IPA, Hop Czar, Kingpin, Blue Heron Pale Ale and Summer Squeeze. BridgePort Brewery is located at 1313 N.W. Marshall St. For more information, call 503-241-7179 or visit www.bridgeportbrew.com.

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