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Brewcats | MadTree Brewing Blood Orange PsychOPathy

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MadTree Brewing's Blood Orange PsychOPathy was tapped at the Columbia Township taproom Tuesday. The latest small batch variation of their flagship IPA is an unique alternative for those who are craving something other than pumpkin beers to enjoy at Halloween festivities over the weekend.

The difference between this brew and its traditional counterpart begins with the pour.

In the glass it looks more like unfiltered grapefruit juice than an IPA. There is plenty of blood orange aroma — deeper, richer than a regular orange — which only intensifies when the beer settles to room temperature.

It starts out zesty and creamy on the tongue, with a surprise following right after. Instead of sipping a hoppy blend of floral and pine, it is orange peel throughout, which gives the beer an overall bitterness due to the acidity from the blood orange. As it warms, wheat comes to the forefront, making it comparable to a strong Hefeweizen.

For those feeling less adventurous, try the regular PsychOPathy.

It is more light bodied and smooth with its bright floral aroma, and evergreen citrus blended with caramel malt undertones. There is a subtle bitterness, not as sharp compared to the blood orange version. Though it does not lose the hoppiness that IPA drinkers expect, and ends with a nutty pine finish.

Both are solid beers and worth a sip at 6.9% ABV.

Blood Orange PsychOPathy is available for a limited time only on tap at MadTree Brewing (5164 Kennedy Ave.) and select locations. PsychOPathy is available also at MadTree Brewing and grocery stores around the Cincinnati area.