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Brewcats | New Belgium + Ben & Jerry's Salted Caramel Brownie Brown Ale

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New Belgium and Ben & Jerry's newest collaboration, Salted Caramel Brownie Brown Ale, prepares Cincinnati for winter.

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With Halloween gone, 'tis the season to ignore Thanksgiving and start celebrating December's festive holidays with the New Belgium + Ben & Jerry's Salted Caramel Brownie Brown Ale collaboration.

This limited special release recreates the sweet treat with its dark toffee body, mocha-colored head and rich chocolate and caramel malt aroma.

The beer begins with vanilla and coffee undertones, chocolate in the middle and ends with a bittersweet dry finish. There is a subtle saltiness throughout, which gives it an interesting yet enjoyable flavor.

Because it is a brown ale, the brew is lighter and more carbonated than a porter. Though it is not as creamy, it still has faint traces of a rich porter texture.

For those looking to leave their Natural Light lifestyle behind and venture into the world of craft beers, New Belgium is an excellent entry point. Their core line of beer is a tame version of some local favorites.

Salted Caramel Brownie Brown Ale is reminiscent of Rivertown's Winter Ale, yet it does not deliver such a whopping punch.

Those who are not into beer can also celebrate the holidays with a non-alcoholic version: Ben & Jerry's Salted Caramel Brownie Ale ice cream. It is a limited batch flavor, consisting of New Belgium-inspired brown ale ice cream with salted caramel swirls and fudge brownie chunks. It is available now at Ben & Jerry's Scoop Shops and local grocery stores.

Proceeds from the beer and ice cream sales benefit Protect Our Winters, an organization mobilizing those in the winter sports community to fight climate change.