

International Women's Day (IWD) is a global day celebrating the achievements of women politically, socially, economically, and culturally. The first IWD was held in 1911 and it is celebrated every year on March 8. In addition to commemorating the achievements of women, IWD also serves as a call to action to increase gender parity around the world. In honor of International Women's Day, we've compiled a list of six beers backed by six brilliant women to enjoy on March 8 and beyond.

Goudenband | Brouwerij Liefmans

This classic Flanders Oud Bruin from Liefmans in Oudenaarde, Belgium would not exist without legendary brewer Rosa Merckx. Rosa was the first female brewmaster in Belgium and was head brewer for 40 years. She is responsible for giving Goudenband its distinctive sour and refreshing taste. Her signature still can be found on the wrappers of Goudenband around the world today.

Minoh Stout | Minoh Beer

Minoh Beer, located in a suburb of Osaka in Japan, is run by Kaori Oshita, who serves as both CEO and head brewer of this popular brewery. That means Oshita is the creator of this earthy, chocolatey stout, which won the World Beer Cup Dry Stout award in 2009, and



then again multiple years after that. She's also known for using creative ingredients such as yuzu citrus and cabernet grapes, making her beers a must-find when in Japan.

Golden Ale | Two Birds Brewing

Two Birds Brewing is Australia's first female-owned brewing company and was started by two Australian trailblazers, Jayne Lewis and Danielle Allen. The Golden blonde ale is their signature brew. It's mild, delicate, and a perfect craft alternative to Australia's typical light beer staples. The Two Birds taproom, charmingly known as "The Nest", is located in the trendy Melbourne suburb of Spotswood and offers brewery tours.

NW Red Ale | Stoup Brewing

Robyn Schumacher is a co-founder, owner and brewer at Stoup Brewing in Seattle, Washington. Robyn is the first woman to be a certified cicerone in the state of Washington. Originally from Spokane, Robyn is a strong and historic woman in the Washington beer community. Her northwest roots are evident in Stoup's NW Red Ale, which provides a solidly Northwest bitter hops backbone, with a sweet, chocolate malt finish.

Papaya Rural Belgian Saison | Zambo Creek Microcervecería

Zambo Creek Microcervezería is an all-female brewery in Quito, Ecuador founded by sisters Paulina and Laura Boada. Their Papaya Rural Belgian Saison is unlike any other Belgian Saison and they intend to keep it that way. The Zambo Creek website emphasizes that they don't want traditional styles to define their beer, and they encourage their drinkers to "enjoy without prejudice". We'll drink to that!

International Women's Collaboration Brew | Worldwide - UniteBrew.org

Last but certainly not least, the 6th beer in our International Women's Day Ultimate 6er is a collaboration beer brewed around the world. International Women's Collaboration Brew Day (IWCBD) began in 2013 and is held on International Women's Day each year. Each year has a theme and the 2019 theme is "Forage". Female brewers from around the world can sign up to list their event on the IWCBD website and are in full control of the beer they brew with the option to donate the proceeds to the charity of their choice. Many US breweries participate via Pink Boots Collaboration Brew Day, so be sure to check out participating breweries near you via the Pink Boots website or on the IWCBD website, UniteBrew.org, and raise a glass to women everywhere!



