



## **Tipple – Beer Review**

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Black Giraffe black coffee lager  
Burleigh Brewing Co, Queensland, 5%  
\$10 per 650ml bottle.

It seems like only yesterday I was reviewing a limited release coffee-flavoured beer from Matilda Bay. Now here's another, this time from Queensland's Burleigh Brewing Co. Black Giraffe is a real oddity. Burleigh Brewing describes it as not a typical porter, stout or black lager. "It could be simplified in a description as a porter fermented with lager yeast," brewmaster Brennan Fielding says. The beer was designed from scratch with the addition of coffee supplied by Gold Coast coffee roaster Zarraffa's (Arabic for giraffe, apparently). Brewmaster Fielding chose malt and hops that would give him the colour, aroma and flavour he wanted without the bitterness and astringency often found in dark beers. Zarraffa roasted the coffee beans four days before brewing, ground them on-site and whacked them in the brew with a bunch of American hops. My Black Giraffe poured a dark cola colour, with red highlights. The head was fairly thick and bubbly but didn't last long and didn't leave much lacing on the glass. The aroma was elusive: a little dusty with just a hint of sweet malt. The flavour was bitter and dusty, with just a suggestion of black coffee. Mouth feel was reasonably thin and astringent with a pleasantly clean and bitter aftertaste.

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