

The Huell Special Flavor hops with unique flavor in beers

In 2012 the first Special Flavor varieties from the Huell hop breeding program were released: Mandarina Bavaria, Huell Melon, Hallertau Blanc and Polaris impart completely novel flavor impressions such as tangerine, grapefruit, honey melon, strawberry, gooseberry and mint to beer. In Germany these cultivars are already grown on an acreage of more than 450 ha.

In spring 2016 two new Special Flavor varieties with unique flavor impressions from the Hop Research Center Huell will follow. In large scale field trials both new varieties Callista and Ariana already demonstrated under practical conditions their enhanced resistance and advantageous agronomic performance. Moreover, unique flavor profiles have been identified in aroma analyzes at the Huell laboratory. Over the last two years aroma assessment of raw hops has been conducted by involving an expert group consisting of renowned brewers, brewing scientists, hop traders, hop growers, and the breeder himself. Both varieties exhibit intriguing novel flavor combinations: hoppy basic notes in both hops are combined with passion fruit, apricot, and grapefruit in Callista and associated with black currant and citrus notes in Ariana. By now the special brewing quality of both varieties has been confirmed in many brewing trials. For the very first time standardized brewing trials have been conducted, too. Depending on the beer type (lager or pale ale), quantity and time of hop addition (start of boiling, whirlpool, dry hopping alone or in combination) with both varieties unique aroma creations could be achieved: While in beers with Callista in particular notes of passion fruit, peach and pine could be perceived by beers tasters, Ariana brought flavor of grapefruit, cassis, geranium, and gooseberry into the beers.

Based on these encompassing agronomic and sensory findings the board of the Society of Hop Research decided to apply for registration of Callista and Ariana as new cultivars. Brewers and hop growers are looking forward to the release and start of production of both cultivars in Germany this spring.

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Mandarina Bavaria



Hop Aroma: hoppy, fruity, fresh, mandarin-orange and citrus notes
Aroma in Beer: hoppy, citrusy, mandarin-orange aroma

Total Oils: 1.5 – 2.2 ml/100 g
Alpha Acids: 7.0 – 10.0 %
Polyphenols: 2.3 – 2.7 %

Huell Melon



Hop Aroma: fruity, sweet, honeydew melon, apricot, strawberry
Aroma in Beer: sweet aroma notes, honeydew melon, apricot

Total Oils: 0.8 – 2.1 ml/100 g
Alpha Acids: 7.0 – 8.0 %
Polyphenols: 3.0 %

Hallertau Blanc



Hop Aroma: floral-fruity, mango, passion fruit, grapefruit, gooseberry and pineapple
Aroma in Beer: green fruits, mango, gooseberry notes

Total Oils: 1.5 – 1.8 ml/100 g
Alpha Acids: 9.0 – 11.0 %
Polyphenols: 3.1 %

Polaris



Hop Aroma: hoppy, spicy, fruity, mint, "glacier mints"
Aroma in Beer: fresh, fruity, minty, slight citrus nuances

Total Oils: 4.4 – 4.8 ml/100 g
Alpha Acids: 18.0 – 23.0 %
Polyphenols: 2.6 – 2.7 %

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NEW

Callista (2010/08/33)

Pedigree and Agronomic Features (current results)

Pedigree	Hallertauer Tradition x Hüll male breeding line
Advantages	vigorous homogenous growth, good twining ability, nice large cones
Disadvantages	slightly club-shaped, sl.hermaphrodite, no sites with Vert.wilt
Maturity	medium - late (before Hersbrucker Spät)
Harvest	good pickability and very good drying
Yield Potential	high (same or sl. higher than Hallertauer Tradition and Perle)

Resistance towards

Verticillium wilt	so far good
Downy Mildew primary infection	high
Downy Mildew sec. infection	high
Powdery Mildew	resistant
Botrytis	poor - medium
Red Spider Mite	medium
Hop Aphid	medium



Chemical Compounds

Bitter Substances (EBC 7.7):

Alpha Acids (%)	3.3 (2 - 5)
Beta Acids (%)	7.0 (5 - 10)
Cohumulone (rel. in % of α-acids)	18 (15 - 21)
Xanthohumol (%)	0.5 (0.3 - 0.6)

Total Oil Content (EBC 7.10): ml/100 g

1.7 (1.4 - 2.1)



Aroma Impression Raw Hops

pleasantly hoppy note, intensively fruity, harmonious, sweet fruits (apricot, passion fruit), red berries (blackberry, raspberry)

Assessment based on Brewing Trials

Depending on the beer type and dosage this hop imparts various flavors such as passion fruit, grapefruit, peach, gooseberry to beer. This new variety is extremely versatile in various beer types. Feedback from the systematic trial brews has been consistently positive.



Ariana (2010/72/20)

Pedigree and Agronomic Features (current results)

Pedigree	Herkules x male wild hop
Advantages	vigorous homogenous growth, robust, cylindrical bine, good stature, good formation of side arms, very nice cones
Disadvantages	large leaves
Maturity	late (comparable to Herkules)
Harvest	good pickability and good drying
Yield Potential	high - very high

Resistance towards

Verticillium wilt	so far very good
Downy Mildew primary infection	medium - good
Downy Mildew sec. infection	good - very good
Powdery Mildew	fully resistant
Botrytis	medium - good
Red Spider Mite	good - very good
Hop Aphid	medium



Chemical Compounds

Bitter Substances (EBC 7.7):

Alpha Acids (%)	12 (9 - 13)
Beta Acids (%)	5.5 (4.5 - 6)
Cohumulone (rel. in % of α-acids)	42 (40 - 42)
Xanthohumol (%)	0.5 (0.45 - 0.55)

Total Oil Content (EBC 7.10): ml/100 g hops

2.0 (1.6 - 2.4)



Aroma Impression Raw Hops

pleasant, mild, red berries (blackcurrant), sweet fruits (peach, pear, tropical fruits), slightly resinous

Assessment based on Trial Brews

Depending on the beer type and dosage this hop can impart various aroma notes such as grapefruit, cassis, geranium, gooseberry, citrus and vanilla to beer. This new variety is very suitable for use in dry hopping.



German Special Flavor Hops from Hüll

Callista · Ariana

Hallertau Blanc

Huell Melon · Polaris

Mandarina Bavaria



Hops from Germany unique worldwide



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Die Hüller Special Flavor-Hopfen mit einzigartigen Aromen im Bier

2012 kamen die ersten Spezialaromasorten aus dem HÜLLE Züchtungsprogramm auf den Markt: Mandarina Bavaria, Huell Melon, Hallertau Blanc und Polaris bringen mit ihren Mandarinen-, Grapefruit-, Honigmelone-, Erdbeer-, Stachelbeer- und Minz-Aromen völlig neue Geschmackserlebnisse ins Bier. In Deutschland werden diese Sorten mittlerweile bereits auf einer Fläche von mehr als 450 ha angebaut.

Nun stehen zwei weitere Spezialaromasorten Hüller Prägung vor der Markteinführung. Die beiden neuen Sorten Callista und Ariana haben in großflächigen Anbauprüfungen unter Praxisbedingungen ihre verbesserten Resistenzen und vorteilhafte Agronomik unter Beweis gestellt. Bereits bei den Aromastoffanalysen im Hüller Labor wurden einzigartige Aromaprofile identifiziert. Für die Aromabonitur der Rohhopfen war ein Expertengremium bestehend aus renommierten Brauern, Brau-Wissenschaftlern, Hopfenvermarktern, Hopfenpflanzern und dem Züchter mit eingebunden. Beide Zuchttämme überzeugten hierbei durch neuartige Aromakombinationen: hopfige Grundnoten in beiden Sorten vermischen sich bei Callista mit Maracuja-Aprikose sowie Grapefruit und bei Ariana prägen schwarze Johannisbeere und Zitrusnoten das Aroma. Zahlreiche Brauversuche bestätigten mittlerweile die besondere Brauqualität beider Sorten. Zum ersten Mal wurden auch standardisierte Brauversuche durchgeführt. Abhängig von Biertyp (Lager bzw. Pale Ale), Einsatzmenge und Zeitpunkt der Hopfengabe (Kochbeginn, Whirlpool, Hopfenstopfen alleine bzw. in Kombination) konnten mit beiden Sorten einzigartige Aromakreationen erzielt werden: In den Bieren mit Callista wurden vor allem Maracuja-, Grapefruit-, Pfirsich- und Pinien-Noten von den Bierverkostern wahrgenommen, Ariana brachte Aromen wie Grapefruit, Cassis, Geranie und Stachelbeere in die Biere.

Auf Basis der umfassenden agronomischen und sensorischen Erkenntnisse haben sich die Vorstände der Gesellschaft für Hopfenforschung zur Anmeldung von Callista und Ariana als neue Sorten entschieden. Der damit verbundene Anbaustart beider Sorten in Deutschland in diesem Frühjahr wird von Brauern und Hopfenpflanzern mit großer Spannung erwartet.

