



Global consumption of beer and wine (2013) in value



# by **litres by country per capita** (2010)

USA 14.5%

Brazil 7.3%

**Russia** 5.6%

Germany 4.6%



### **Belgian consumption vs exports** 1980 > 2010

**Exports:** 200 million litres > 1100 million litres **Consumption:** 1300 million litres > 900 million litres



The best beer in the world for five out of the last 10 years



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### World heritage

Belgium's beer culture was added to UNESCO's world heritage list in 2016

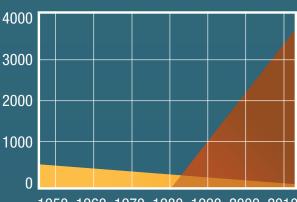


### The world's oldest brewery



Weihenstephan brewery, originally a Benedictine monastery founded in 740 AD, started brewing in 1040. In that time it has survived four fires, three plagues and a major earthquake

# A CRAFT REVOLUTION



Mass producing breweries in USA (1950-2000): 350 > 24

Craft breweries USA (1980-2010): 0 > 3500

1950 1960 1970 1980 1990 2000 2010

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### **Rule Brittania**

Tax revenue, largely from beer, quadrupled between 1750-1800 and helped support the power of the British Royal Navy





# STRONGEST BEER IN THE WORLD

Brewmeister's Snake Venom at a whopping 67.5% ABV

# SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP

Carlsberg Special Brew was created in honour of Winston Churchill. Churchill was a fan of cognac and the brew aimed to imitate some of its qualities





### ALL ALCOHOL IS EQUAL?

Beer was not considered an alcoholic beverage under Russian law until 2011



### 99 bottles standing on a wall

One million beer bottles were used to construct the Wat Pa Maha Chedi Kaew temple in Thailand



Most of these facts and figures and much more can be found in *Beeronomics: How Beer Explains the World* 

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