

## Joe Sixpack's Beer of the Year 2011

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TWO THOUSAND eleven will go down as the year that Miller Brewing finally repented.

Here is a company whose top seller, Miller Lite, forever stands with McDonald's and "American Idol" as the archetypes of dumbed-down American culture, whose pursuit of the lowest common denominator brought us an utterly vile beverage with no redeeming quality other than its ability to pass through the human anatomy undetected.

Yes, Miller Lite remains the company's top seller. But you wonder for how long.

For, in 2011, the company not only aborted its hugely unpopular spin-off, MGD 64 Leinenkugels Big Eddy is Joe Sixpack's Beer of the Year 2011 Lemonade - a sign, perhaps, that the days of large breweries cynically foisting yellow by-products on an unsuspecting public are numbered. It also committed itself to an outstanding, black-as-ink stout that is the flavor- and moral-opposite of light beer.

Which is the reason I've chosen Leinenkugel's Big Eddy Russian Imperial Stout as Joe Sixpack's

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