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Southern Breweries We Love

- » **Blue Mountain Brewery**
Afton, VA
Nestled into the foothills of Appalachia's Blue Ridge Mountains, former head brewer at Chicago's Goose Island Brewing, Taylor Smack, is crafting everything from an easy-drinking lager to his intense bourbon barrel-aged Dark Hollow stout, using local- and estate-grown hops. bluemountainbrewery.com
- » **Craggie Brewing Co.**
Asheville, NC
Former Highland Brewing Company brewer Bill Drew launched this microbrewery with a few friends in 2007. And his southern-inspired suds like the Battery Hill rye and Antebellum Ale help support the community around him, calling on local and organic ingredients whenever possible. craggiebrewingco.com
- » **Duck-Rabbit Craft Brewery**
Farmville, NC
Duck-Rabbit's beers showcase a delicious dedication to inky-black brews like their subtly sweet milk stout and silky-smooth roasted porter. duckrabbitbrewery.com
- » **French Broad Brewing Co.**
Asheville, NC
French Broad Brewing brings a trans-Atlantic taste to the South with European-style brews like their 13 Rebels ESB and Gateway Kölsch, which call on English and German hop varieties. frenchbroadbrewery.com
- » **Highland Brewing Co.**
Asheville, NC
As Asheville's inaugural brewer, Highland first tapped its kegs in 1994, and has since become a favorite across the South for both year-round staples and seasonally inspired specialties. highlandbrewing.com
- » **Lazy Magnolia**
Kiln, MS
Lazy Magnolia infuses the southern flavor of pecans right into its Southern Pecan Nut Brown Ale. Other brews include their similarly inventive (and equally delicious) Southern Gold crafted with local honey and the Jefferson Stout brewed with sweet potatoes. lazymagnolia.com
- » **Pisgah Brewing**
Black Mountain, NC
Pisgah crafts distinctive brews with their entirely organic lineup of beers that include their year-round Endless Summer Ale and creamy Nitro Stout. pisgahbrewing.com

- » **Southern Star Brewing Co.**
Conroe, TX
Craft beer by the can, from deep in the heart of Southeastern Texas. It all started with their Pine Belt Pale Ale tallboy. Also try: Bombshell Blonde Ale and Buried Hatchet Stout. southernstarbrewery.com
- » **Saint Somewhere Brewing**
Tarpon Springs, FL
The locale may seem unlikely, but the Belgian-style ales make the grade. Try their bottle-conditioned Saison Athene, brewed with chamomile, black pepper and fresh rosemary. saintsomewherebrewing.com
- » **Sweetwater Brewing**
Atlanta, GA
These Atlanta craft beer darlings employ a full-time "hop cop" to make sure their unfiltered, unpasteurized beers are always fresh, never sitting on shelves longer than 90 days. Of course, with the popularity of brews like their Sweetwater IPA and 420 Extra Pale Ale, that's not usually a problem. sweetwaterbrew.com
- » **Terrapin Beer Co.**
Athens, GA
This quirky brewery has been shaking things up since the 2002 debut of their well-loved flagship Rye Pale Ale. Also look for their Big Hoppy Monster Imperial Red Ale, released each summer and easily spotted thanks to Terrapin's amiable turtle mascot. terrapinbeer.com
- » **Yazoo Brewing Co.**
Nashville, TN
It was a short ascent to local craft brewing stardom for these former homebrewers. They pay tribute to Nashville son Johnny Cash with their beer named Sue, a hearty smoked porter. Also try Dos Perros, a toasty, low-alcohol Mexican- and Austrian-styled brown ale. yazoobrew.com



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