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Blue Plate Restaurant Company and The Blue Barn Announce Minnesota State Fair Beverage Offerings

MINNEAPOLIS, JULY 29th, 2019: Blue Plate Restaurant Company announces three new beverages for the 2019 [Minnesota State Fair](#).

The Great Minnesota Handshake

Blue Plate Restaurant Company brands, Freehouse Beer and the Blue Barn, have teamed up with Indeed Brewing Company to create The Great Minnesota Handshake, a strawberry milkshake cream ale. This sessionable cream ale comes in at 5.5% ABV and is brewed with strawberry, vanilla, and lactose.

Blue Plate Restaurant Company owner, Stephanie Shimp, explains the inspiration behind the beer, "We wanted to create a really drinkable beer for the fair, which is how we landed on a cream ale. It's a familiar beer style that is light and crushable." She further explained, "Being the Blue Barn, we were inspired by the milk barns at the fair and their iconic milkshakes. So, we landed on a strawberry milkshake cream ale—something delicious, drinkable and fun!"



Indeed and Freehouse Beer have also teamed up with the [Minnesota Credit Union Foundation](#). For each of these beers sold at the Minnesota State Fair, the Minnesota Credit Union Foundation will donate \$1 to financial literacy. The Great Minnesota Handshake will be pouring only at [The Blue Barn](#) for all 12 days of the State Fair. Shimp is excited about the partnership, saying, "The Great Minnesota Handshake is just that—a friendly business handshake between two breweries and a foundation to raise awareness about financial literacy through a delicious, iconic Minnesota State Fair-exclusive beer."



Country Rosé Spritzer

Blue Plate has partnered with [Alexis Bailly](#) Winery from Hastings, Minn. to create a delicious summer sipper. The base of the Country Rosé Spritzer features Alexis Bailly Country Rosé, infused with hibiscus flavor and topped with a splash of Sprite.



Very Berry Frozen Hard Seltzer

Freehouse Beer brewed a light and refreshing hard seltzer that will be transformed into a Very Berry Frozen Hard Seltzer at the fair. Bursting with flavors of ripe summer berries - blackberries, strawberries and blueberries - and a hint of lime for balance. This frozen hard seltzer comes in at 5.5% ABV.



LimeLight

And due to the popularity of its release in 2018, Freehouse Beer is re-releasing their state fair exclusive beer LimeLight which is only available at The Blue Barn. A slight agave sweetness partnered with a citrusy punch of lime and a hint of sea salt to create a balanced, drinkable brew. LimeLight comes in at 5.2% ABV.

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