



Who doesn't know the cult movie "The Big Lebowski"? - Jeff Bridges signature role as old hippie Jeffrey Lebowski, who just calls himself the dude, who spends his time bowling with his buddies Walter and Donny, who smokes joints and drinks White Russians and whose life is turned upside down when he is confused with the millionaire Jeffrey Lebowski of the same Name.

In the film, the Dude only drinks White Russian Cocktails, which he only calls "Caucasians". When we watched the film for the umpteenth time, the idea arose to brew the White Russian as a beer. Since the White Russian consists of three ingredients (vodka = a lot of alcohol, Kahlua coffee liqueur and milk) it was obvious to brew the whole thing as a combination of three different stout variants: Russian Imperial Stout = almost as much alcohol as vodka; Coffee Stout for the coffee and Milk Stout for lactose.

As always, we got the coffee from our friends from the Quijote roastery, who have a close partnership with the local producers and import their coffee directly. For our El Duderino we used 50% Ecuadorian Robusta and 50% Indian Arabica, both roasted as dark espressi, coarsely grounded and "dry- coffeed" in the storage tank.

The result is an incredibly complex stout, brewed with dehusked, roasted malt to emphasize the aroma and not the bitterness (analogous to the cocktail). Dominated by wonderful coffee notes, similar to a cold drip coffee with an insane texture and a creamy sweetness from the lactose. The 10% alcohol hide well and are only noticeable by a slight warmth in the finish. The caffeine content ensures that you stay awake for a second glass - even if deeply relaxed - you should definitely not go bowling!

Since the "Russian Imperial Milk Coffee Stout" beer style would have been a bit unwieldy, we decided on "Caucasian Stout" as the beer style based on the film template.

And of course the name "El Duderino" comes from the legendary scene when the two Lebowski sit across from each other and the dude looks at the "Big Lebowski":

"I am not "Mr. Lebowski". You're Mr. Lebowski. I'm the Dude. So that's what you call me. You know, that or, uh, His Dudeness, or uh, Duder, or El Duderino if you're not into the whole brevity thing."

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