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A Message from your President Bill Viancourt ABC# 132

Greetings from sunny Florida! After spending two weeks of January in Ohio for the first time in 15 years, I have regained my admiration to all those who brave the winter months in the north. You are definitely a hardy bunch.

Bottle of the year nominations are needed for this year. It was 2 years ago now that the BCCA Board decided to combine domestic and foreign into one category. I have not given up on trying getting them separated again. For the time being, I will submit 5 bottles for consideration. These bottles will come from nominations I receive from you. You must choose from bottles that appeared in the BCCA News Report during the 2017 year. You can nominate from one to five bottles either foreign or domestic. If possible, please include the issue they were posted in, but I can look them up if necessary. I will need these ASAP as the deadline is early February. I will pick the 5 with the highest number of nominations and submit them. Thanks in advance for your help in determining our bottle of the year.

It looks like AB has gotten its bottle production running at full capacity, and its creative minds working to put out some new issues. They have most of the holidays covered and a growing number of special events have seen special issues. Who knows, they might issue a Beans and Bacon Days bottles soon. What they have probably figured out is that it's a good way to boost sales of their beer.

Does anyone have a clue as to how AB decides what bottles to issue when it comes to pro sports? This year's NFL set is an example of no rhyme or reason. It was not just the 4 NFC teams that were not issued bottles, there seemed to be no logic in the other teams that did not get a bottle. Some World Series, NBA and NHL champs get bottles while others don't. Some of these get cans but no bottles. This year you could go to the store and buy a cube of cans that included every NFL team without the scramble that ensues following the release of the new issues. Is it up to the teams or AB to make the decision? I would love to know the answer – and it would make a nice article for the newsletter.

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For this newsletter, many thanks to Bill Viancourt, Brad Ambruso, Juan Carlos De Marco, for their contributions.

If you have not made your reservations for the Omaha Convention, I would suggest doing it very quickly. As many people learned from Cleveland when the hotel was virtually sold out prior to when most of the membership had the opportunity to see the info in the Newsletter, the early birds get the rooms.

Don't forget to invite your Facebook traders to join our chapter. We have a lot to offer for a very small dues payment. It's better to trade with a chapter member!

I hope your new year is going well. Hope to see you at a show soon.

Bill



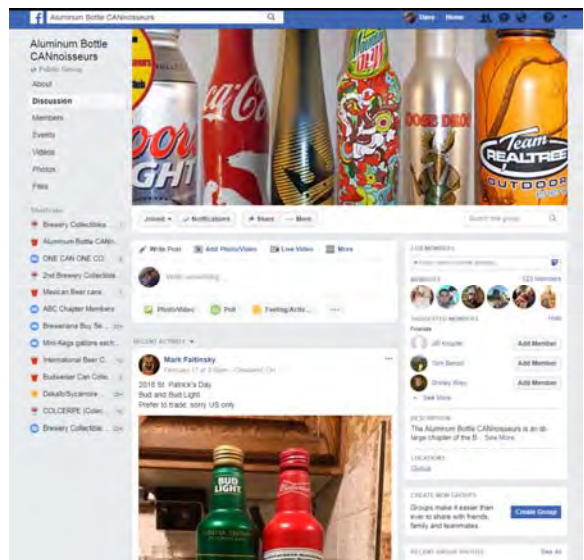
Butch Kroskey ABC#007, former secretary/treasurer of the ABC Chapter passed away on January 28th at age 76 after a short hospital stay. Butch was undergoing treatment for this third battle with lung cancer. Butch was the "King of currents" and when he began collecting aluminum bottles it was not different. He attended many local and regional shows and 8 Conventions always having a deal for everyone. His gruff demeanor belied his good nature and love of our hobby. We will miss him. Rest in Peace!

Chapter Tidbits

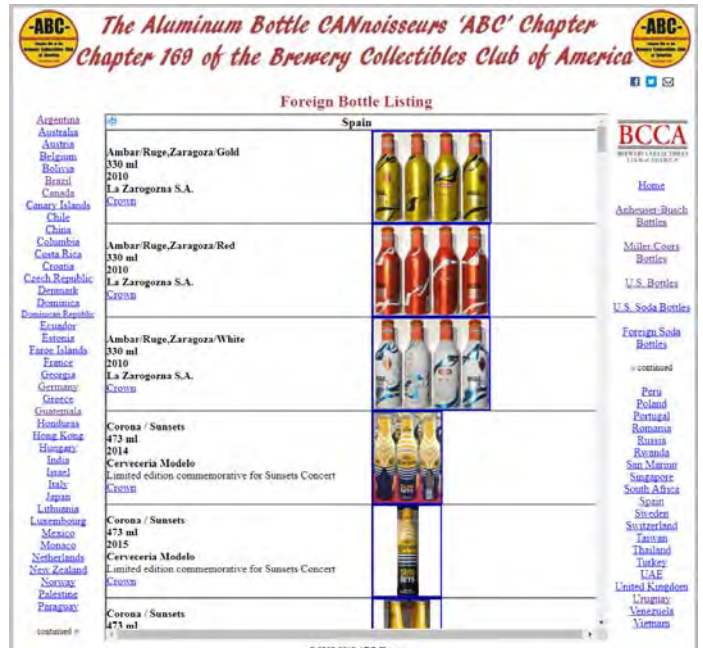
New Members: Welcome to our newest member: Robert Welch #268, Greenville, OH.

Dues: Chapter dues are still \$5 per year with Lifetime Membership granted after 5 consecutive years. Reminders were sent out for the few that are currently due. For those few please take action soon and don't let this be your last newsletter.

Facebook: Check out the ABC Chapter's two Facebook Pages. Our general page, Aluminum Bottle CANnoisseurs page, which is open to anyone is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/abcchapter/>. Our other page, ABC Chapter Members, is a closed group just for active ABC Members, can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/abcchaptermembers/>. Both groups can also be found by simply typing abcchapter into the Facebook search bar.



Website/Forum: The ABC Chapter website galleries now lists +/- 4000 bottles. But there are always newer bottles, and some from the past, that get missed. If you run across a bottle not listed, or can provide better pictures of one that is, please contact Brad at: webmaster@abcchapter.com or use the Bottle Submittal Form available from the webpage. The ABC Chapter Forum is still up and running. With the popularity of Facebook it doesn't get the traffic it used to, but still a good place to trade/find info on bottles. Check it out at www.abcchapter.com/forum/.



The ABC is an active at-large chapter of the **Brewery Collectibles Club of America, BCCA**. The BCCA is a national organization of collectors specializing in any kind of Breweriana. The club boasts a membership of 3500+ and hosts a National CANvention yearly. Perks of belonging to the BCCA include a subscription to Beer Cans & Brewery Collectibles-the high quality magazine, a membership roster, access to members only areas of the website, the right to attend the National CANvention, to name a few.

Check it out at www.bcca.com or give them a call at 636-343-6436. After you join, let us know at www.abcchapter.com and your first year at the ABC is covered!

Join the BCCA and your first year in the ABC is free!!

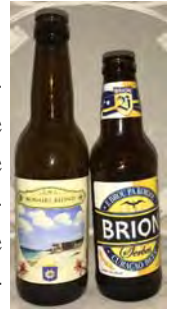
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Dave's Ramblings

Greetings all,

Last month, my wife and I did our annual winter escape vacation in the Caribbean. Puerto Rico and Sint Maarten were still pretty beat up by the hurricanes but the other three islands we visited, Aruba, Bonaire, and Curacao) were untouched. Of course there were no cabottles to be seen. I tried to explain to the microbreweries in Bonaire and Curacao, how much better aluminum bottles are than glass, but I don't think anyone was listening. I ended up getting a couple of glass bottles to act as place holders on the OCOC shelf. Maybe someday I'll be able to replace one of them with the elusive Kubuli.



Sorry for being a little late but Microsoft Publisher was being a real pain. First it would not save the file, saying that my discs were full. Then it changed most of the text to hash marks.

And now it's time for my annual request for newsletter contributions. Please, please, please send me anything to make the newsletter more enjoyable, such as: pictures of your collections; stories of where you found cabottles for sale; pictures of ABC members at trade meets; and even pictures of family pets.

Cheers, Dave Vogl

Check out the BCCA's website - BCCA.com

BCCA (Brewery Collectible Club of America)

The BCCA boasts more than 3,500 active members from all 50 states and 27 foreign countries. The BCCA publishes a professional, full-color 48-page bimonthly magazine, stages an annual CANvention that attracts an average of 1000 members, hosts this comprehensive website, and has published two of the hobby's premier beer can reference guides



BCCA Membership

\$40.00

Annual membership to the BCCA which includes 6 issues of the *Beer Cans & Brewery Collectibles* magazine, a membership roster, the privilege to register for the CANvention, member only pricing on BCCA merchandise, and access to the *Members Only* section of website.

Annual BCCA Membership

- US Membership (1 Year)
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- Canada/Mexico membership (3 Year), an additional (\$110.00)
- All Other Countries membership (3 Year), an additional (\$140.00)

Coca-Cola showcases Japan tourist spots

Customers in Japan are used to splurging on their favourite sweets and drinks when they come out in awesome limited-edition flavours, but for soft drink giant Coca-Cola, there's a different path to generating excitement, and it comes in the form of a unique bottle range called Coca-Cola "Slim Bottle" City Designs.

The iconic red-and-white label is now being joined by some of the most unique designs the world has ever seen, with nine new bottles featuring some of Japan's most well-known tourist destinations. Five of the designs – Hokkaido, Tokyo, Kyoto, Setouchi, and Kumamoto – first hit the market from June this year, and now, from 20 November, there are another three designs to add to your collection.



Seeing as each bottle is limited for sale only in the area that appears on its design, tracking down all nine is no easy task, but we've got the whole range here for you to look at so you can see all the details that went into each of the gorgeous designs.

First up, let's start at the very northern tip of the country with the Hokkaido design, which was first released in June and can only be purchased in the country's northernmost prefecture.

The design here features well-known Hokkaido landmarks like the Sapporo Clock Tower, the Sapporo TV Tower, Hakodate's Goryokaku Tower, and the statue of Dr William Smith Clark, an influential American professor who taught in Hokkaido in the late 1870s. There's also an image of the prefecture and a series of beautifully detailed snowflakes, in reference to the area's renowned snowfall.



Those who visit Japan's capital city will be able to look out for the Tokyo design, which was also released in June and is limited for sale mainly in the Tokyo area only.

This one shows the famous city skyline, including the iconic Tokyo Tower and what appears to be the Rainbow Bridge and Shinjuku high-rises.

Travelling south, we arrive at the country's ancient capital of Kyoto, an area steeped in tradition, which is reflected in this beautiful design, which was released in July this year.

Here we see a kimono-clad maiko looking out over an arched bridge and what looks like Daimonji-yama, a Kyoto mountain known for "Gozan Okuribi", an event where the huge kanji character on the mountainside is set alight to celebrate the end of Obon, the festival of the dead. This design is only available to purchase in the Kansai region of Japan.



Next, we move on to Setouchi, a region that includes the Seto Inland Sea and the coastal areas of Kyushu, Shikoku and Honshu. This design appears to pay homage to the region's famous floating torii gate, located at Itsukushima Shrine, and the Seto Ohashi Bridge that connects the mainland with the island of Shikoku over the Seto Inland Sea. This bottle will be limited for sale in the Shikoku and Chugoku regions of Japan.



Rounding off July's three-piece collection is the Kumamoto design. It looks like Kumamoto Castle, the city's most revered structure, which suffered devastating damage following a series of earthquakes in 2016, is at the centre of this design. This design will be available to purchase on the island of Kyushu only.



The next design in the series pays homage to Yokohama located just south of Tokyo. This area is best known for being a port city with a huge ferris wheel. Home to big ships and plenty of seagulls, this design also appears to show an image of the Yokohama Landmark Tower, which is the second tallest building and the fourth tallest structure in the country, standing at 296.3 metres (972 feet) high.



Now we come to the newest members of the collection, which were just released on 20 November. First up, we have Saitama, which might not be on many itineraries for foreign tourists, but remains a popular place to go for locals, given its proximity to Tokyo as it's located just a short train ride away from the capital city.

One of Saitama's most well-known landmarks, the Toki no Kane ("Bell of Time") clocktower, has a history that dates back to the Edo period (1603-1868). The 16-metre (52-foot) high wooden clocktower stands tall over the historic town of Kawagoe, with its bells still chiming four times a day. This bottle appears to show the clocktower alongside an image of the boat rides at Chichibu's Nagatoro Line Descent, where boatman manoeuvre their boats with distinctive long poles.



The next newly released bottle pays homage to the city of Nagoya in Aichi Prefecture. This city has a proud samurai tradition, stemming from the fact that many of Japan's most powerful feudal lords, including Oda Nobunaga and Tokugawa Ieyasu, were born and raised in Aichi Prefecture. It looks like a sword-wielding samurai and an image of Nagoya Castle, one of the city's most famous landmarks, is at the centre of this design.

Finally, we have the Ueno design, which can be purchased at outlets around central Ueno in the city of Tokyo. Ueno Zoo, the country's oldest zoo, is famous for its mother-and-cub pandas, as this was the first cub born at Ueno Zoo in five years. This cute bottle seems to show the pandas enjoying themselves by Ueno Park's Shinobazu Pond, which is often depicted in historical works of art.

Excerpts taken from an article at rocketnews24.com

What's New in A-B?!

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Budweiser surprised most of us with the unannounced release of the 'Legendary Since 1876' bottle. The bottle is the large bowtie design with several beer facts listed on one panel and 'Great American Lager' vertical across another panel. Looks to be a national release with the 503131 non-redem and 503132 redem already out, no confirmation of 3.2 yet.



With Budweiser putting out a state series a several months ago, Bud Light didn't want to be left out and did one just for Texas. The Bud Light 'Texas' bottle 503112 non-redem, is real similar to the A-B Crest design with a star for Texas in place of the AB logo.

We have seen 12 oz (well 355ml) bottles for overseas countries for years but not much here in the U.S. Bud Light has released a 12 oz bottle, 503093 redem, for the U.S. market. The bottle is pretty much a twin of it's larger companion with the A-B crest design. The bottle has been released for test marketing in the St Louis area and not sure when or if there will be a national release with variations.



Michelob Golden Light seems to be the beer of choice up in Minnesota and is just about the only place one can find the aluminum bottles. The Michelob Golden Light 'Minnesota Wild' bottle, 503084 redem, was released back at the start of the hockey season. The bottle uses the regular design with the 'Official Sponsor' Minnesota Wild logo on one side and a tree line along the bottom. So far, this is the only NHL bottle released and since A-B is usually pretty light on bottles for the hockey season probably the only one, but one can be hopeful.





As promised, here are the remaining Bud Light NFL team kick-off bottles that have been released. Pictured above are: L/R, Broncos 503049 redem, Cardinals 503066 redem, Dolphins 503037 redem, Jaguars 503033 redem, Patriots 503040 redem, Rams 503053 redem, Ravens 503036 redem, Redskins 503044 redem and Saints 503043 redem.

Pictured to right: L/R, Texans 503089 redem and the only variation to a team kick-off bottle is the Giants 503077 non-redem.



As expected and still without explanation, bottles for the Bills, Jets and Chargers were never released.

The Bud Light Super Bowl 52 bottle, 503105 redem, is finally starting to show up and seems to be pretty easy to find. The late release was obviously due to all the NFL team markets being flooded with kick-off bottles. No confirmation yet on any variations.

One of the tougher NFL kick-off bottles to find is the Bud Light Generic kick-off bottle, 503081 redem. One would think that the generic bottle would be the easiest to find but perhaps with almost every city getting their teams bottle, the release was limited. No confirmation on additional variations.



Been a few years but a change to the Canadian Bud Light Platinum has finally surfaced. This time it's a 355ml twist top, previous twist variation was a 340 ml. Overall design is the same and only noticeable changes are to the back panel. No GAN number this time but it does have the 21-A-25 LaBatt identifier.

From Brazil, a 340ml twist top Budweiser 502915. The bottle is an export to Brazil and utilizes the current A-B Crest design. We have seen a few Budweiser stickered export bottles and a couple from AMBEV for Brazil, but this is the first actual Budweiser export bottle for Brazil.



Ecuador on the other hand has had a few bottles produced for export and here's one that had been missed. The Budweiser 'Bowtie White' bottle 502134, was released back in 2012 and is real similar to the 502029 bottle, released that same year, with just a few changes to the wording on the back panel.

The worldwide release of the smaller twist top bottles seems to be picking up momentum and Spain didn't want to be left out. The Spanish Budweiser, 330ml again is an A-B Crest design. The bottle was produced and filled by AB InBev in the UK and exported into Spain. Knowing that AB InBev UK filled it, hopefully we'll soon see more for other European counties.



Last year we had a surprise from Taiwan with a Budweiser bottle dressed up for Christmas. Again this year we get a Taiwan Christmas bottle but it's exactly the same bottle as last year, 502602, even has the same import sticker on it. What makes it collectable is the fact that they put a different hat over the crown and the scan able QR code is on a neck hanger rather than a sticker. As with all variations it just depends on how picky one is, but this one would look good on any shelf next to its predecessor.

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Vietnam has recently jumped on the aluminum bottle bandwagon giving us several over the past year or so. The newest is the Budweiser 'Year of the Dog' 355ml pry top. A modified version of the A-B Crest with the 2018 Dog and some Vietnamese sayings.

An oldie from Vietnam is the Budweiser Red bottle/Silver bowtie 501307 stickered export bottle from 2009. This recently discovered variation stayed hidden for 8 years and will surely be a hard one to find addition examples.



Once again a change to the China Budweiser 355ml, Wuhan Brewing, has been noted. Again just to the back panel, this version does not have the PROTEC by the bar code. This makes 5 variants of this bottle to date.

A commemorative bottle for shopping? Why not. The Budweiser 'Global Shopping Festival' 355ml, Wuhan Brewing, was released late last year in China. Not exactly sure what it's all about I'm just happy my wife and daughter didn't know about it.

The Budweiser 'Brewmaster Reserve' 355ml, Wuhan Brewing, bottle is an eye catching black with gold and silver text. Supposedly brewed from their private stock for the finest of connoisseurs, well I'll take their word for it. Capped with a new Budweiser 'Black Crown'



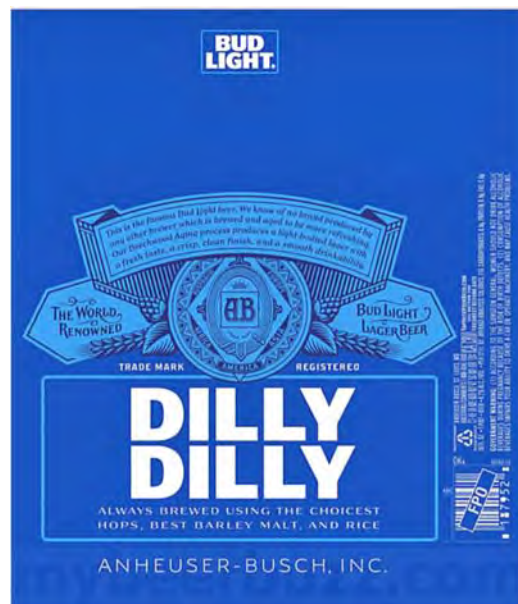
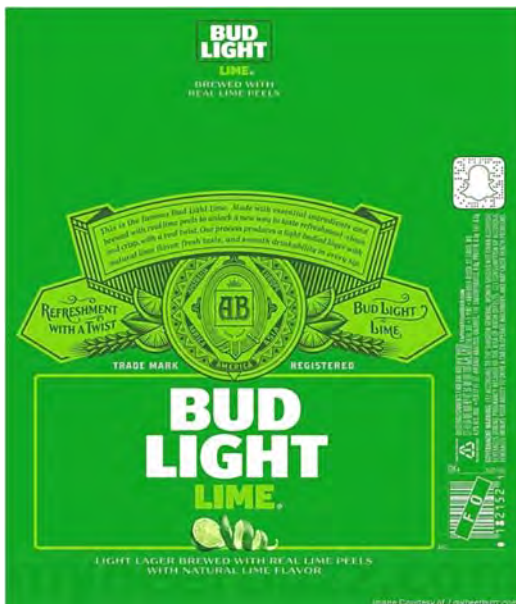
Budweiser in China has again released a bottle for the Chinese New Year. The Budweiser ‘Year of the Dog’ 2018, 355ml Wuhan Brewing, is the first New Year bottle from China to use the A-B Crest design, replacing King of Beers with Happy New Year 2018. The bottle also has shadowed pictures of dogs running all around. No word yet on any additional sizes and/or designs from China for the New Year, so we’ll just have to wait and see as some years we get several bottles and other years just one.



Haven’t seen this new Budweiser China twist top bottle, 355ml 503072, really start to show up yet. Like all the other new twist top bottles from all around the world it is the basic A-B Crest design. Hopefully after they finish the New Year bottle run, these will be easier to find.

Bud Light Lime is changing up their design a bit. Adding the tagline ‘Brewed with Real Lime Peels’ and adding a picture of a spiraled lime. Should be on shelves soon.

The Bud Light ‘Dilly Dilly’ ad campaign seems to be in full swing but no sign yet of the new aluminum bottle that was to accompany it. Hopefully this bottle will actually get released and not just fade away like has happened to other hopeful releases. Only time will tell...



Ardagh and Coke team up with Star Wars

The 25cl shaped aluminum bottles were made at the company's specialist plant in France, and they're destined for stores there as well as in the UK and the Benelux countries. The collector's quality bottles were available on retail shelves to coincide with the film's December 15 release in the UK.

"It is an honor for us to be associated with one of the most iconic film franchises over the past half century, and to produce another striking limited edition shaped aluminum bottle for Coca-Cola," said Marc Bettinger, the Ardagh sales director for aluminum packaging. The bottle graphics carry the distinctive Spencerian script of the Coca-Cola trademark, and the familiar red color that arcs in an oval below the black bottle neck and cap. Each bottle features one of the six main Star Wars characters.



They include Rey, the Resistance character from Jakku played by Daisy Ridley, as well as fellow Resistance member Finn. Kylo Ren, again played by Adam Driver in the new Star Wars film, also appears on one of the special-edition Coke bottles.



Cabottle ads found on the web

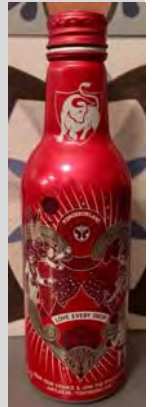


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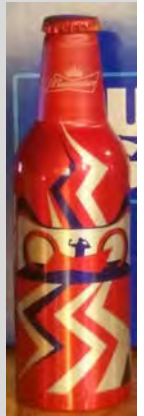
2017 ended with some very good cabottle designs and 2018 is starting off with some very beautiful cabottles. I understand that this is because the market has become very competitive. China draws attention because it does not stop launching new units to stores, and that, of course, fills us with joy.

BELGIUM: JUPILER Tomorrowland of this country, broke with all the traditional molds of the designs for this famous international music festival. Applause for Belgian creatives.



CANADA: These two series of craft beers with wonderful aesthetics, are published together so the collectors have full knowledge of all the bottles that have been produced. Really great stuff.

CHINA: This first picture, known as The Budweiser "music", represents the sound waves that reach the ears of the spectators. A clear example of China's entry into the world of electronic music thru Anheuser & Busch



Continuing in order to present the cabottles of the enormous country of Asia, and continuing with the tradition of representing the figures of the Chinese horoscope, Budweiser China received the new year 2018, precisely wishing congratulations, and hinting at the year of the dog with a very striking multi-colored animal, and a very convoking campaign.

EASON CHAN x Budweiser is an issue from A & B recognizing Eason Chan Yick-shun (born 27 July 1974), a Hong Kong Cantopop singer and actor. Chan was ranked number "6" in the 2013 Forbes China Celebrity Top 100 List. In 2005, Chan's Cantonese album U87 was named one of Time magazine's "Five Asian Albums Worth Buying." Chan has won a number of Golden Melody Awards. Great promotion of A & B with this simple cabottle.



As a "full orchestra" closure , in the aftermath of 2017, always vinculated to the Chinese horoscope, a deluxe edition of the "Year of the Horse" gives it a special touch that had its limited production. Beautiful.

It is clear that Tsingtao fights hard in the market with Budweiser, considering that both are distributing for an enormous segment of Eastern Asia consumers. On this occasion it is curious the choice of a cartoon dog that gives a very different touch to conventional productions.



Precisely Tsingtao also honors the Chinese horoscope (like Budweiser), and the dog is represented in one of his proposals.

The following three photos show an innovation in the marketing of beer aluminum bottles. Again Tsingtao offers a truly unprecedented packaging and the pack of 6 bottles appears on the market with a beautiful artistic, and internal separator so the bottles do not hit each other. Everything with Pizza Hut. Great alliance.



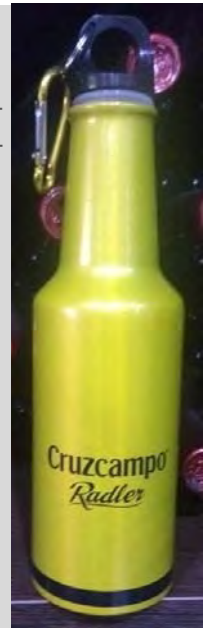
This time Tsingtao's bet on the horoscope in general and the "Year of the Dog" in particular was double. Observe this wonderful special edition very hard to find. Congratulations.



VIETNAM: Two editions in the Asian peninsula show us the commemoration of the "Year of the Dog", from the Chinese horoscope. First time the Vietnamese appear with this reference.

The second is a conventional Budweiser that carries the traditional label, but the back is printed in Vietnamese scripture.

SPAIN: Beautiful edition of the CRUZCAMPO Radle, which did not have its serial production for beer consumers, but was like a commemorative edition, to use as a container for other drinks ... What a pity



Budweiser exhibiting all its powerful progress in the world with no exceptions, again the traditional red bottle, but this time for the Spanish market.

KOREA: We see a very attractive unit of a HEINEKEN with the usual colors, but with a varied design showing committed to change.



FRANCE: The B06 for Christmas is previewed at Balade en Provence (Absinthe Bar) in Antibes. Cute piece.

TAIWAN: Again a Budweiser allusive to Santa Claus, as they did the previous year. The serial number is 201712. Easy to perceive the Christmas feeling. Note the Taiwanese recycle symbol on the sticker.



RUSSIA: It is not yet known if this model will go on sale. If it does, it will undoubtedly be a huge joy because how beautiful it is. We will see what happens, however Budweiser, being the main sponsor, will not be left without editing something.



Note to ABC members: please send an ABC membership form to any possible future members; such as including it with anyone you're having Face Book or eBay transactions with.

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