



A GUIDE FOR THE UN-INITIATED TO BUYING GUINNESS IN AN IRISH PUB

- 1. CHOOSE MALONES PLACE WAIHEKE ISLAND TO BE SURE**
- 2. A PINT OF GUINNESS DOES NOT APPRECIATE LOUD MUSIC, LOUD PEOPLE OR BRIGHT FLASHING LIGHTS**
- 3. ASK POLITELY FOR A PINT OF GUINNESS. IT IS POSSIBLE TO CATCH THE BARMAN OR BARMAIDS EYE AND MOUTH THE WORD PINT THEY WILL TRANSLATE THIS ACCURATELY.**
- 4. THE BARTENDER WILL FILL THE GLASS BETWEEN 70% AND 80% CAPACITY. IT WILL THEN BE PUT ON THE SIDE FOR A FEW MOMENTS TO ALLOW IT TO SETTLE. ONCE THE BROWNISH LIQUID HAS ALMOST TURNED TO A SOLID BLACK THE BARTENDER WILL THEN FILL THE REST OF THE GLASS NB: DO NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES TAKE THE GLASS BEFORE IT IS FILLED. SOME VIRGINS SEEM TO THINK THAT THE SETTLING STAGE IS THE FINAL STAGE AND WALK AWAY WITH AN UNFINISHED PINT. AT THIS POINT WE IRISH DO UNDERSTAND THE PREDICAMENT, BUT I ASSURE YOU IT CAUSES ENDLESS MIRTH AS WELL.**
- 5. ONCE YOU HAVE RECEIVED YOUR PINT, FIND A COMFORTABLE STOOL OR SEAT, GAZE WITH AWE INTO THE DEEP BLACKNESS, RAISE THE PINT TO YOUR MOUTH AND TAKE A LARGE MOUTHFUL. BE FIRM.**
- 6. A GOOD PINT CAN DISTINGUISH BY A NUMBER OF METHODS. A SMOOTH, SLIGHTLY OFF-WHITE HEAD IS ONE; ANOTHER IS THE RESIDUE LEFT ON THE INSIDE OF THE GLASS. THESE, SURPRISE, SURPRISE, ARE KNOWN AS THE RINGS. AS LONG AS THEY ARE THERE YOU KNOW YOU ARE OKAY. A SCIENCE OF RINGS IS DEVELOPING - THE INSTANCE THAT COMES TO MIND IS DETERMINING A PERSONS NATIONALITY BY THE NUMBER OF PINTS (A RING IS DEPENDENT ON A SWIG OF GUINNESS EACH SWIG LEAVING ITS OWN RING) AN IRISHMAN WILL LEAVE IN THE REGION OF 5-6 RINGS (WE PACE OURSELVES) AN ENGLISHMAN WILL HAVE 8-10 RINGS, AND AMERICAN WILL HAVE 17-20 (THEY SIP) AND A WAIHEKE ISLANDER WONT HAVE ANY AS THEY TEND TO KNOCK IT BACK IN ONE GO.**
- 7. AS YOU NEAR THE END OF YOUR PINT, IT IS THE CUSTOM TO ORDER ANOTHER ONE. IT IS A WELL-KNOWN FACT THAT A BIRD DOES NOT FLY ON ONE WING.**