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JAMES SQUIRE WAS WELL KNOWN AS A LARCHENIST. Even while incarcerated for highway robbery at Botany Bay, he was found guilty of pilfering government supplies – a quantity of horehound to be precise.

Although he pleaded the herb was for his sick girlfriend Mary Spencer, everyone knew that this horehound was used as a replacement for a bittering hop. And he got 150 lashes to prove it.

But fifteen years later, irony hit. James had become a successful landowner, farmer and brewer, but more importantly, he was the first to grow hops on Australian soil – and that was worth more than gold.

With an influx of free settlers arriving with their own brewing dreams, James would do anything to protect his precious and vital ingredient, so the criminal soon became a constable.

And he must have done a pretty good job, because other breweries failed through lack of taste, and the next hop garden in Tasmania didn't come into existence for almost twenty years.

Tasting notes: This hand-crafted ale is a celebration of the hop harvest with a luscious passionfruit and citrus bouquet created from our secret selection of aroma hops. Even the malt takes a back seat, providing a deep golden colour and a malty creaminess to cushion the hops. When poured, the head is tenacious, the aroma seductive and the finish is brisk to say the least.



James Squire

AUSTRALIA'S FIRST NAME IN BEER.

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