3 Yeast Trial

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The Experiment

- Brew a Golden Ale
- Split said Pale Ale into 3 fermentation vessels and inoculate each with a different yeast.
- Ferment the brews at the same temperature and test the results.



The Yeasts

- Yeast #1: Wyeast 1056 American Ale Yeast
- Yeast #2: Fermentis Safale US-05
- Yeast #3: Yeast cultured up from a 'White Rabbit Dark Ale' bottle (debatably the Wyeast 1187 Ringwood Ale Yeast)





The Findings

- Yeast #1 (Wyeast 1056):
 - Most neutral, least amount of esters
 - Seemed to strip some of the hop character out of the beer.
- Yeast #2 (Safale US-05):
 - Slowest to begin fermentation
 - Attenuated the least (2 gravity points less than Yeasts #1 & #3)
 - Some banana esters present
- Yeast #3 (White Rabbit Dark Ale):
 - Fermented the fastest
 - Had dominant esters

The Verdict

- So which yeast did RBT think went best with this beer?
 - First Place (narrowly): Yeast #3 (WRDA Yeast)
 - Second Place: Yeast #2 (Safale US-05)
 - Last Place (distantly): Yeast #1 (Wyeast 1056)