

## Moonraker > J.W. Lees > Middleton Junction, England

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### ■ Beer Collection

**Style:** Strong Ale  
**Alc./Vol.:** 7.0%

Moonraker Strong Ale is brewed exclusively from Maris Otter malted barley and East Kent Goldings hops, in the brewhouse built in 1876 by John Willie Lees (the grandson of the founder, John Lees). Although the plant has been modernized and expanded over the years, the process is essentially the same. The malt is crushed, prior to mashing with heated water in the mash tun. The resulting mash is allowed to stand for an hour and a half to facilitate the conversion of the starch to sugar. This sugar solution, called wort, is transferred to the boiling coppers, where the hops are added. The wort and hops are boiled together to extract the bittering flavors and aromas from the hops.