

CZECH REBEL BREWERY



The Czech Rebel Story

In the year 1333 the Bohemian king John of Luxembourg granted to Jindrick of Lipa, the then lord of Nemecky Brod, a royal set of rules for the town container the right to brew beer. It concerned the time-honored prerogative of the town allowing citizens owning a house inside the town walls to brew beer. It was probably the first time that this right was accorded to a subject town.

During the rebuilding of the town, destroyed in the year 1422 by Hussites, the breweries were also reconstructed. Gradually, all rights, including that of brewing, were confirmed. first by King Jiri of Podebrad (1452), then by King Ludvik (1520) and then by King Ferdinand (1544). This process was concluded in 1637 when Emperor Ferdinand III declared Memecky Brod a royal free town and awarded it a town badge and a town charter as a royal town.

Originally every townsman prepared his malt and even beer himself, and likewise drew it on his own or sold it to lease-holding publicans. Over time, there arose in the town an associated of brew-masters, who established larger breweries. These could be better equipped and allowed the preparation of beer by all those who held the right to brew beer. The brewery in the town hall was destroyed in the great fire of 1662. It was subsequently renovated in the year 1673 when the guild of maltsters was also founded.

After the fire of 1834 the brew-masters bought the knightly Bukovsky house (today the brewery's administrative building) where there was a small hand brewery. This was the day of the founding of our brewery. With the growing quantity of brewing, the capacity of the brewery ceased to meet the demands made on it. Therefore it was decided to undertake the fist large-scale reconstruction of the brewery, which was completed on 12 October 1880, when the brewery was opened. On this day, when the modern production of beer began, the latest phase in the history of the brewery opened.

Since then the brewery has undergone a whole series of reconstruction and modernization work, has survived both times of way and of socialism. After the Second World War the name of the town was changed to Havlickuv Brod.

Since World War II, the brewery has constantly raised production levels. In 1995 a dispute among 17 physical persons was resolved and the brewery once again returned to the hands of the descendants of the original owners, who on January 24, 1995 founded the joint stock company Mest'ansky pivovar Havlickuv Brod a.s. The continuing reconstruction of the brewing equipment, especially the construction of a new brewing house and cylindrical-conical tanks (CCT), allowed the repeated raising of output to a level of 150 thousand hl. in 1999. After further investment in the year 2000, the brewery created the preconditions for the growth of capacity to 167 thousand hl. Therefore its production capacity places it in the category of small breweries with an annual output of up to 200 thousand hl.

The Havlickuv Brod thwon brewery is the holder of a wide range of awards.
For example:

- 2nd place – Beer of the Czech Republic (2000)
- 2nd place – World Beer Cup 2000 (New York)
- 1st place – Golden Seal of Quality for Beer (2001).



TOTAL BEVERAGE SOLUTION