



East Brother Beer Company

East Brother Beer Company is a Northern California brewery that was born from a shared passion for classic craft-style beer and genuine hard-working heritage. For co-founders and California natives Chris Coomber and Rob Lightner, Northern California is home; they worked and built businesses here, raised their families, and now brew beer that fits the region's lifestyle and spirit.

As neighbors, Chris and Rob have a long tradition of drinking beer together, but it was in 2009 when the serious brewing began. Chris has that effortless charm and charisma that makes you believe he could do most anything he sets his mind to, and he's a man of many self-taught talents. Hang gliding (with trepidation), trumpet playing (with mixed reviews), horse-back riding, but the first batch of Cream Ale, crafted in his kitchen, received critical acclaim from Rob and others. Soon a hobby became an obsession. Over the next seven years the two worked to perfect their palates and process, exploring classic styles and flavors and adhering to tradition. It's in Chris's kitchen where the "aha" moment and consensus occurred; **beer is our beacon.**

Beer is Labor

In Richmond, California, "the city of Pride and Purpose," East Brother Beer Company is built in a warehouse located in the shipping yards where boats, trains, and trucks come and go from all over the world helping to fuel the Bay Area's humming economy. The brewery's like a tiny island with a view drawing similarity to nearby East Brother Lighthouse (est. 1874), the one-acre rock that marks the entrance to San Pablo Bay just north of Richmond. The city's industrious spirit coupled with the rich history of East Brother's safe harbor serve as inspiration for the classic American character that's at the heart of East Brother Beer Company.

East Brother Beer Company is singularly focused on producing high quality, delicious tasting beer. A custom-designed, 20-barrel brewing system (40 kegs) and precise instrumentation ensure that East Brother's craft classics are simple, tried and true styles that are welcoming and accessible. With Chris, Rob and head brewer Paul Liszewski at the helm, East Brother crafts award-winners including a Bohemian Pilsner, Red Lager, Oatmeal Stout, Red IPA, and Gold IPA, as well as a series of seasonal specialties.

Brewing in their 12,000-square-foot production facility began in fall 2016, with capacity expanding each year to address the demand for East Brother's easy-drinking classic styles. The team can now brew up to 10,000 barrels annually; acquisition of a canning line in 2019 helps to facilitate meeting the growing demand.

Within the brew house, East Brother's Taproom is an oasis where visitors can sample fresh East Brother beers on draft including brewery-only, seasonal batches. Casual indoor-outdoor seating offers the perfect perch to linger over lagers, witness the brew works and Northern California's spectacular sunsets; **beer with a view.**

About East Brother Beer Company

With attention to detail and long-term vision, East Brother Beer Company is dedicated to producing beers that are both timeless, and timely, for the classic American palate, delivering their quality beers to premium local restaurants, cafés, bars, specialty markets and retailers. And always pouring fresh from the source in Richmond; **the light's on.**

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East Brother Beer Company Bios

Chris Coomber

Co-Founder, Brewer and Builder

Before beer, there was hang gliding, trumpet playing, roller blading. Chris goes all-in when his interest is piqued. Fortunately for East Brother Beer, what began as a hobby became an obsession and is now Chris's passion. His first batch was brewed on the stovetop in the family's kitchen. As friends grew thirsty, subsequent batches followed. Some wives react negatively to sharing cooking space, leading Chris to a peace-keeping upgrade. The self-taught scientist developed his techniques and philosophy in his backyard brewing lair. Some backyards aren't big enough when you dream big, thus the birth of East Brother Beer's 20-barrel brewery in Richmond where Chris's original tenets remain true – truly great beer requires precise instrumentation, near fanatical cleaning, the best raw ingredients and constant attention.

Prior to founding East Brother Beer Company, Chris was the founder and president of Chestnut Company, a project management firm specializing in retail and restaurant development services. He was born and raised in the city of Los Angeles, attended Venice High School and is a graduate of UCLA with a Bachelor of Arts in English. Chris lives in Mill Valley, California with his wife, Molly and their two children. He's lived next door to Rob for more than 20 years.

Rob Lightner

Co-Founder, Sales, Marketing and the Bottom Line

Rob knows a good deal when he sees one. Free beer next door was a no brainer, but since his first sip of Chris's home brew Rob knew - get the product to the people. Nearly every weekend and many evenings, Rob has worked side-by-side with Chris in testing, brewing and of course tasting batches to determine the best blends. Attention to detail is their shared motto and Rob's mode of operation in building the business from the ground up. From creation of the East Brother brand to the back-office infrastructure, he leaves nothing to chance. The bottom line? In December 2016, East Brother Beer Company began bringing beer to the people of the Bay Area.

Prior to founding East Brother Beer Company, Rob spent several years in the nonprofit sector establishing and maintaining revenue-generating corporate partnerships across the media and technology spectrum. He also spent 15 years at Sega of America in San Francisco in a variety of positions including research, business development and strategy. His early career began in

Tokyo with an advertising agency. Rob was born and raised in Oakland and attended UC Berkeley where he earned a degree in Japanese. Rob lives in Mill Valley, California with his wife, Tane and their two children.

Paul Liszewski
Head Brewer

Paul's brewing career started with a basic home brewing kit from San Francisco's Brewcraft. A few boil overs and overly hopped beers later, his wife bought him a kettle and propane burner and relegated his growing hobby to the garage. After a few years of keeping his friends' and family's growlers filled and numerous charity events with the Sirwisa Brewing Collective, he decided it was time to escape the high-tech cube farm and to take the plunge into becoming a professional brewer. Graduating from the Siebel Institute, he started cleaning kegs and worked his way up the ranks to become the Head Brewer/Production Manager at Devil's Canyon Brewing Company prior to joining East Brother Beer Company. He is most frequently spotted in his garage brewing and turning wrenches on motorcycles. Paul is a proud member of the Sirwisa Brewing Collective, SF Home Brewer's Guild, the Master Brewer's Association of America, American Society of Brew Chemists and the Brewer's Association.