

The Diamondback Story

Diamondback was created shortly after Homebrewers Warehouse opened in 1993. A few years earlier Greg along with Neighbour and Brew Buddy Simon Wilson, had moved (after many trials) to kegging. When the shop started we believe we were the first shop to supply a complete keg system in Australia. Up to this point home brewers bottled their brew with inconsistent results. Particularly in the north of Australia the fermentations were affected by the heat of the summers. This often resulted in bottles exploding because the fermentation was incomplete in the fermenter and too many sugars were carried over into the bottle. When we introduced kegging to home brewers the problems with exploding bottles were eliminated. The fermentations were just as incomplete though and the problem now was that because the yeast was still working, the beer was cloudy and too sweet. We needed yeast that would handle the heat, ferment out properly and drop clear so that only clear beer was put into the keg. Our early trials showed that this would not be an easy task. The kegging process uses the yeast once, so it has to be very good. The bottling process uses the yeast twice, once in the fermenter and then again in the bottle. Eventually we settled on a yeast that had proven itself not only for kegging but was reliable all year as well. Other brew kit manufacturers didn't believe there was a problem as most of their product was being bottled.

Brewers wanted light coloured Draught, not because it was being kegged, more likely because it was a popular style of kit at the time. Brewers didn't want the darker draughts from the south, so we designed what brewers wanted. The first Diamondback was light coloured draught with the summer capable yeast and a healthy dose of hops that provided a fresh and crisp taste.

The rest is history; the range grew and now includes the International Range. Each Diamondback International Brew features an additional sachet of fresh hop pellets that are commonly used in that particular country. We have also released Diamondback Craft, a clone range to emulate some of the popular commercial beers.

We are very proud to have been, not only the first brew shop to have a complete keg system for brewers but also to have developed a great tasting brew that has been designed with a focus on the brewer that kegs.

Cheers