



Introducing the *Lord Baltimore* *Belgian Dubbel*

Our Belgian Dubbel is brewed to deliver a rich malty profile, with almost perfect hop balance. We brew this classic style with all natural raisins, cascade and mosaic hops. The rich malty flavor of this brew shows in dark copper appearance all the way to its sweet malty aroma.

Belgian Americans are Americans who can trace their ancestry to immigrants of Belgium who emigrated to the United States. While the first natives of the then-Southern Netherlands arrived in America in the 17th century, the majority of Belgian immigrants arrived during the 19th and 20th centuries.

In the 17th and 18th centuries many Belgians left their mark on American history, including Lord Baltimore (whose family were Flemish aristocrats). Belgian officers also fought during the American Revolutionary War. These included Charles De Pauw (a Fleming who accompanied Lafayette to North America), Thomas Van Gaasbeck, Jacques Rapalje, Anthony Van Etten and Johannes Van Etten.

Leonard Calvert (1606 – June 9, 1647) was the First Proprietary Governor of Maryland. He was the son of George Calvert, the 1st Baron Baltimore, (1579-1632), the first proprietary of the Province of Maryland.

In 1632, George Calvert went to England to negotiate an additional patent for the colony of Maryland from King Charles I of England. However, before the papers could be executed, George

died on the 15th of April, 1632.

On June 20, 1632, Cecil, the 2nd Lord Baltimore executed the charter for the colony of Maryland that his father had negotiated. The charter consisted of 23 sections, but the most important conferred on Lord Baltimore and his heirs, certain powers, ecclesiastical as well as civil, resembling those possessed by the nobility of the Middle Ages. Leonard Calvert was appointed Maryland's first Governor.

Two vessels, “The Ark” and “The Dove”, carrying over 300 settlers, sailed from the harbour of Cowes, England, on 22 November 1633, arriving at the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay.

After exploring the area they sailed up the Potomac River, north of the Virginia shoreline and the southern border of their new colony and landed on the northern shore at Blakistone Island on March 25, 1634, erected a large cross, gave thanks and celebrated the first Roman Catholic Mass in America with Father Andrew White who had accompanied them.

As Governor, Leonard at first attempted to rule the colony in an absolutist way, but in January 1635, he had to summon a colonial assembly, which became the foundation and first session of the modern General Assembly of Maryland. In 1638, the Assembly forced him to govern according to the Common Laws of England, and subsequently the right to initiate legislation passed to the new General Assembly representing the common “freeholders” (or citizens).