



SAMPLING SMALL-BATCH HASH SELECTIONS FROM TERPWIZARD'S HUNT FOR THE SOUR

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TerpWizard – the wonderfully whimsical breeder, grower, and hash maker out of Michigan – is known for the hand-stamped wizard wax seals on his jars and seasonally-inspired flavors on his rosin menu. He grows everything for hash from seed on his Dragonfly Earth Medicine (DEM) Pure-certified farm using regenerative farming methods such as German hugelkultur beds, Korean Natural Farming ferments, and locally sourced alpaca and worm composts.

“We have a really wild menu grown all from seed, and I’m running small batches of each strain on a rotation. People have been really receptive to what we’ve been doing, which is to just keep pushing our menu and offering new things with lots of variety. We’re trying to make and find new genetics with unique flavor profiles, with resin production and the higher-pressure environmental factors our growing season can bring in mind,” he tells me.

I caught up with TerpWizard after one of his recent seed hunts, where he had one clear mission in mind: finding those beloved (but

notoriously hard to come by) classic sour terps. “I’m really just on the hunt for sour right now,” he explains. “We’ve been searching through some haze too, trying to go through stuff that is more recognized on the East Coast and open up our menu to more of that funky, gassy realm.”

I’m personally a sucker for the sour, so I couldn’t wait to crack the seals and sample these four hand-picked selections: Blueberry Kombucha, Melon Dough, Sour Diesel x Blueberry Watermelon Bred #10, and Sour Diesel #8.

I started with Blueberry Kombucha, which gave me tart mixed berry smoothie vibes on the nose – like a bowl of Fruit Loops cereal blended with coconut milk. She came through with less fruit and more fermented funk on the taste... light and smooth with a creamy, nutty note like almond butter. This high hits heavily behind the eyes with a long-lasting cerebral effect that had my body feeling cozy but my mind feeling creative.

Next, I moved on to the Melon Dough, a Pie Dough backcross of (Pie Dough S1) x (BBWM X MB) from fellow DEM breeder Kush Kirk. This one



had a piercing herbal scent reminiscent of eucalyptus essential oil. The flavor started out on that same herbaceously floral note, then became more melony over time – like biting into a ripe, juicy cantaloupe. She’s super greasy and coated my mouth with a melon candy aftertaste that lingered for a while after a hit, lulling me off to daydream land with a couch-locked effect.

Now it was time to wake up with a glob of the Sour Diesel x Blueberry Watermelon #10, another Kush Kirk genetic. “When we were hunting those, I was really looking for a sour dominant profile. My selection is sour on the nose with just a little fruitiness on the back end,” TerpWizard describes. I definitely am picking up on a sour, piney note – like fresh dirt after a summertime storm – that comes through stronger with each whiff. She’s got a super complex and unique flavor that took me a few hits to place, finally landing on sourdough toast slathered in an herb blueberry jam. A little doughy, a little funky, a little like wandering through a fresh berry patch. This strain really opened up my

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lungs and sinuses on the exhale and was super refreshing on the palette.

Last but certainly not least in the lineup was Sour Diesel #8 – TerpWizard’s favorite selection of Sour Diesel bx3 f4 from Top Dawg Genetics, another Michigan breeder. He tells me, “From the first round of flower from seed, #8 pretty much checked

all my boxes. It’s really loud in the jar and very sour, which is exactly what I was shooting for.” The aroma of sour lemon peel made my nostrils tingle on the inhale and reminded me of the fizz when you crack open a fresh can of Sprite. She was truly a punch to all the senses with a flavor profile full of diesel and lemonade and a super stoney head high.

With a selection of strains ranging from “slightly sour” to “straight smack of sour to the senses,” I’d say TerpWizard’s hunt was a success. He pops seeds every two to four weeks according to moon cycles, so I can’t wait to see what comes out of his wizardly world of terps next. 🌿



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