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Press Release

State Brewers Shine Again in the Twelfth Washington Beer Awards®

Washington's twelfth state-wide professional beer competition results announced

Seattle, WA, November 3, 2025: Specialty Competitions LLC is proud to release the results of the twelfth annual Washington Beer Awards®. This year 105 Washington breweries and cideries received recognition of gold, silver, and bronze medals in 67 award category groupings.

The results for this Washington-only professional beer competition were announced on November 3rd at the Washington Craft Beer Summit at the Sea-Tac Doubletree where some of Washington's best brewers received medals for their award-winning beers.

The judging for the Washington Beer Awards was held on September 6th and 7th at Elliott Bay Public House & Brewery in Lake City. The panels of trained judges had to evaluate 1,095 entries beers from 155 breweries and cideries spanning 147 unique styles from the Brewers Association Beer Style Guidelines for technical and stylistic excellence.

The competition was held with the endorsement of the Washington Beer Commission and Washington Brewers Guild as a way to celebrate Washington's growing brewing culture and recognize excellence in the craft. All of Washington's craft breweries were invited to submit entries to the competition held in a similar format to other craft beer competitions like the Great American Beer Festival® and World Beer Cup®.

Four special awards, the Very Small, Small, Mid-Sized and Large Breweries of the Year, were presented to breweries who won numerous medals in many categories. Garden Path Fermentation won as the Very Small Brewery of the Year with and amazing six medals. Four Generals Brewing won on strength of victory in a two-way tie with two gold medals to become this year's small brewery of the year. Grains of Wrath Brewing repeated as the Mid-Sized Brewery of the Year category with an astounding 6 gold medals and even an additional medal from its production location. The Large Brewery of the Year was won by Stoup Brewing - Ballard with two golds, a silver and two bronzes.

A few special awards also provided recognizing some unique Washington brewing excellence. Logan Brewing Company won a gold in the "Pro-Am" category for a Rauchbier that was developed by Washington homebrewers Paul Bekkers and Tristan McCoy and scaled up for commercial production. Wander Brewing and Otherlands Beer colllaborated on a barrel-aged saison called "Terre Du Soleil" which won gold in this year's "Collaboration Beer" category.

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More information on the competition and the complete list of results can be found at www.wabeerawards.com/winners. Watch for Washington's award-winning beers marked at your local craft beer bars and beer stores and get ready for the Washington Beer Awards to return in 2026 where new winners will be decided!

Complete Results:

Munich-Style Helles:
Gold: Lucky Envelope Brewing - Helles Lager
Silver: Larrabee Lager Company - Original
Bronze: Formula Brewing - Chasing Time

German-Style Pilsners:
Gold: Stoup Brewing Ballard - German Pilsner
Silver: Larrabee Lager Company - Northtown
Bronze: Recluse Brew Works, LLC - Hinterlands

Other Light German Style Lagers:
Gold: Recluse Brew Works, LLC - RBW Export
Silver: Seapine Brewing - Light Lager
Bronze: Kulshan Brewing Co. - K2 - Kulshan Oktoberfest

Bohemian-Style Pilsners:
Gold: Project 9 Brewing - Noble Crown
Silver: Vice Beer - Millie
Bronze: Lumberbeard Brewing - LGR SZN

Australasian, Latin American or Tropical-Style Light Lagers:
Gold: Kulshan Brewing Co. - Sunnyland - Kulshan Especial
Silver: Here Today Brewery & Kitchen - MILPA Especial
Bronze: Uprise Brewing Co - Mexican Lager

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International-Style Pilseners:
Gold: Icicle Brewing Company - Icicle Premium Pilsner
Silver: Here Today Brewery & Kitchen - Lightning Harp
Bronze: Wheelie Pop Brewing - Namazu Japanese Rice Lager

Other International Light Lagers:
Gold: Icicle Brewing Company - Akoya Rice Lager
Silver: Recluse Brew Works, LLC - Cellar Dweller
Bronze: 210 Brewing Co. - Los Vientos

Vienna-Style Lagers:
Gold: Wet Coast Brewing Company - Costa Humeda
Silver: White Bluffs Brewing - Selecta
Bronze: Beach Cat Brewing - Northpaw - Bim-Bam

German-Style Maerzens:
Gold: Obec Brewing - Marzen
Silver: Garland Brew Werks - Oktoberfest
Bronze: Farmstrong Brewing Co. - Farmtoberfest

European-Style Dark Lager:
Gold: Varietal Beer Company - Truth Prevails
Silver: Single Hill Brewing Company - Czech-Style Dark Lager
Bronze: Vice Beer - Don't Sweat The Czechnique

Other European Amber & Dark Beers:
Gold: Bellevue Brewing Co. - Schwarzbier
Silver: Chuckanut Brewery - Chuckanut Dunkel Lager
Bronze: The Good Society - Schwarzier

American-Style Light Lagers:
Gold: Sound2Summit Brewery - Boat Beer
Silver: Beach Cat Brewing - Southpaw - Cats Blue Ribbon (CBR)
Bronze: Heathen Brewing - Heathen Light

American-Style Lagers:
Gold: Ilk Beer - Villarreal
Silver: Western Red Brewing - Little Tugger Lager
Bronze: Haas Innovations Brewing LLC. - Brice Lager

Contemporary American-Style Lager:
Gold: Reuben's Brews - Seattle Sports Beer
Silver: Fortside Brewing Company - Say Less
Bronze: Georgetown Brewing - Tavern Beer

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American-Style Pilsners:
Gold: Reuben's Brews - Pilsner
Silver: Bellevue Brewing Co. - Bellevue 1882 Lager
Bronze: Stoup Brewing Ballard - Cervecita

Contemporary American-Style Pilsners:
Gold: Everybody's Brewing - Citra Pilsner
Silver: Wet Coast Brewing Company - Harbor Light
Bronze: Hellbent Brewing Company - Northwest Pilsner

Hoppy Lagers:
Gold: Trap Door Brewing - Day Beer
Silver: Grains Of Wrath - Rancho Cowabunga
Bronze: Black Raven Brewing - Alpha Bird

Other American-Style Lagers:
Gold: Grains Of Wrath - Production - Gerstenwolf
Silver: Lucky Envelope Brewing - Black Heart
Bronze: Mac & Jacks Brewery Inc. - Amber Lager

Strong Lagers:
Gold: Victor 23 - Coconspirator
Silver: Figurehead Brewing Company - St. Charlie
Bronze: Salish Sea Brewing - Dunkels Bock

German-Style Kölsches:
Gold: Sound2Summit Brewery - Kiteboard Kolsch
Silver: U-Neek / Crucible Brewing Company - Cold Quench
Bronze: Victor 23 - Cooper Vane

German-Style Altbier:
Gold: Four Generals Brewing - Altbier
Silver: Resonate Brewery - Lithium
Bronze: Bainbridge Brewing - Arrow Point Amber

German-Style Wheat Beers:
Gold: Brick West Brewing Co. - Big Heart
Silver: Kulshan Brewing Co. - K2 - Kulshan Hefeweizen
Bronze: Larrabee Lager Company - White Duck

Rye and American Wheat Beers:
Gold: Triplehorn Brewing Company - Raise Your Horns Ryebock
Silver: White Bluffs Brewing - Rock N Brown
Bronze: Barrel Mountain Brewing - Be Happy

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Golden or Blonde Ales:
Gold: Logan Brewing Company - Easy Mode
Silver: Ram Restaurant And Brewery - Hometown Blonde
Bronze: ValHoll Brewing - Golden Warrior

Bitters:
Gold: Logan Brewing Company - Tower Defense
Silver: White Bluffs Brewing - Blackthorne Pride
Bronze: Rainy Daze Brewing - Test Drive Amber

English Ales:
Gold: Fortside Brewing Company - Couve A'licious
Silver: North Fork Brewery - Spotted Owl
Bronze: Elliott Bay Brewing - Burien - B-Town Brown

Irish-Style Red Ales:
Gold: Heathen Brewing - Arson Amber
Silver: Mighty Pine Brewing - Partly Claddagh
Bronze: Western Red Brewing - Mainline Red

Scottish Ales:
Gold: Moment Brewing - Scottish Wee Heavy
Silver: In The Shadow Brewing - Welle Wee Heavy
Bronze: Bellevue Brewing Co. - Wee Swallie

Cream Ales:
Gold: Distant West - Oro Grande
Silver: Old Stove Brewing - Mira Aqui
Bronze: Lucky Envelope Brewing - Gulf Of Mexico

International & Australasian Ales:
Gold: Formula Brewing - Don't Yuck My Yum
Silver: Grains Of Wrath - Wastelandia IPA
Bronze: Uprise Brewing Co - Daisy Chain

Brown Porters:
Gold: Postdoc Brewing - English Porter
Silver: Flying Bike Cooperative Brewery - Phinneywood Porter
Bronze: Anacortes Brewery - March Point Porter

Robust Porters:
Gold: Port Townsend Brewing Co. - Port Townsend Porter
Silver: Stoup Brewing Ballard - Stoup Robust Porter
Bronze: Georgetown Brewing - 9 Pound Porter

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American-Style Stout:
Gold: Flying Lion Brewing - Rye Stout
Silver: Top Rung Brewing Company - My Dog Scout Stout
Bronze: Old Stove Brewing - Dark Passage

British and Irish Stouts:
Gold: Barrel Mountain Brewing - Starway
Silver: Fortside Brewing Company - Night King
Bronze: Dick's Brewing Co. - Cream Stout

American-Style Pale Ales:
Gold: Georgetown Brewing - Johnny Utah
Silver: Brothers Cascadia Brewing - Grain To Glass
Bronze: Stoup Brewing Ballard - Mosaic Pale

Juicy or Hazy Pale Ales:
Gold: Bainbridge Brewing - Strata Hazy Pale
Silver: Fortside Brewing Company - Orange Whip
Bronze: Matchless Brewing - Pickup Pale

American-Style Strong Pale Ales:
Gold: Grains Of Wrath - Panopticon IPA
Silver: Georgetown Brewing - Dalton
Bronze: Single Hill Brewing Company - Eastside

Juicy or Hazy Strong Pale Ales:
Gold: Bainbridge Brewing - City Lies In Dust
Silver: Wander Brewing - Mosaic Single EyePA
Bronze: Single Hill Brewing Company - Sightglass

American-Style Amber/Red Ales:
Gold: ValHoll Brewing - Valkyrie Red
Silver: ELK POND Craft Ales - 1848
Bronze: E9 Brewing Co - Rowdy And Dick Amber Ale

American-Style Brown & Black Ales:
Gold: Wet Coast Brewing Company - Scofflaw CDA
Silver: Steam Donkey Brewing Co. - Death Proof
Bronze: Aslan Brewing - Bham Brown

American-Style India Pale Ales:
Gold: Stoup Brewing Ballard - Please & Thank You IPA
Silver: Hellbent Brewing Company - Dog Party IPA
Bronze: Formula Brewing - Gesture To The Sky

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West Coast-Style India Pale Ales:
Gold: Grains Of Wrath - Deadlights
Silver: Loowit Brewing Company - Warlock
Bronze: Chainline Brewing Company - Smash IPA

Juicy or Hazy India Pale Ales:
Gold: Everybody's Brewing - Stir It Up Hazy IPA
Silver: Uprise Brewing Co - Color TV
Bronze: Single Hill Brewing Company - Groundswell

Imperial or Double India Pale Ales:
Gold: Trap Door Brewing - Juiced Up
Silver: Ladd & Lass Brewing - Fractal Sunset
Bronze: Grains Of Wrath - Punchface Champion

American-Style Strong Ales:
Gold: Ten Pin Brewing - Black Eyed Katy
Silver: Big Time Brewery - Scarlet Fire IPA
Bronze: Grains Of Wrath - Geezers Paradox

Belgian & Belgian Inspired Ales:
Gold: Garden Path Fermentation - (This Is A) Crush Story.
Silver: Garden Path Fermentation - The Easygoing Drink.
Bronze: The Good Society - First To Fall

Belgian Tripels:
Gold: Perihelion Brewery - Quasar
Silver: Wander Brewing - Tripel
Bronze: North 47 Brewing Co - Kingslayer

Other Belgian Strong & Abbey Ales:
Gold: Flying Lion Brewing - Velvet Uppercut Belgian Strong
Silver: Obec Brewing - Notorious BSG
Bronze: Terramar Brewstillery - 2025 Space Quadyssey

Belgian & French Farmhouse Ales:
Gold: Garden Path Fermentation - The Garden Paths Led To Flowered.
Silver: Lucky Envelope Brewing - LE Saison
Bronze: Hat Trick Brewing - It's About Thyme

Brett Beers:
Gold: Bizarre Brewing - Ghosts Of Goslar - Plum/Cherry 2024
Silver: Garden Path Fermentation - The Twisted Branch Out.
Bronze: Formula Brewing - Twitchy Cheeks

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German Style Sour Beers:
Gold: Terramar Brewstillery - Octopus Garden Gose
Silver: Aslan Brewing - Disco Lemonade
Bronze: Ghost Runners Brewery - Chasing Fluffy Pink Unicorns

American-Style Sour Ales:
Gold: The Good Society - Calamansi Golden Sour
Silver: Black Raven Brewing - Blueberry Lemon Sour
Bronze: Logan Brewing Company - Double Hearts

Belgian Sour and Wild Ales:
Gold: Elliott Bay Brewing - Lake City - DeRode Duivels
Silver: Garden Path Fermentation - The Spontaneous Ferment: 5-Year Blend On Raspberries & Blue Haskap
Bronze: Elliott Bay Brewing - Lake City - Sour Gold

Fruit Beers:
Gold: Garland Brew Werks - Pokey Prickly Pear Lager
Silver: SnoTown Brewery - Razzberry Blonde
Bronze: Distant West - Peach Blonde

Fruit Wheat Beers:
Gold: Ten Pin Brewing - Groove Pineapple Wheat Ale
Silver: Resonate Brewery - Hysberia
Bronze: Varietal Beer Company - Sunflight

Spiced, Field & Herb Beers:
Gold: Four Eyed Guys Brewing - Cucumber Cream Ale
Silver: Reuben's Brews - Autumn Harvest
Bronze: Stemma Brewing - Conditus

Pastry Stouts, Coffee & Chocolate Beers:
Gold: Rainy Daze Brewing - Mind Funk
Silver: Terramar Brewstillery - Coffee Porter
Bronze: Barley POP! Brewing - Friend In Me

Experimental Beers:
Gold: Rainy Daze Brewing - Mr. Mustachio
Silver: Well 80 Brewing Company - Muffin Man's Beach Break
Bronze: Volition Brewing Co - Vampire Beach Party

Specialty & Historical Beers:
Gold: Four Generals Brewing - Rauch Helles
Silver: Hat Trick Brewing - Grod Grog
Bronze: Western Red Brewing - Loggers Home Brew

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Wood & Barrel Aged Strong Stouts:
Gold: Bainbridge Brewing - 2024 Barrel Aged Imperial Stout
Silver: Single Hill Brewing Company - Overstory Rye Reserve '24
Bronze: Old Stove Brewing - Gardens - QUIET EON 2023

Wood & Barrel Aged Sour Beers:
Gold: Urban Family Brewing Co - Rum Dawn
Silver: Dru Bru LLC - Paloma Sour
Bronze: Garden Path Fermentation - The Spontaneous Ferment: 5-Year Blend On Tayberries.

Other Wood & Barrel Aged Beers:
Gold: North Fork Brewery - Batch 96
Silver: Halcyon Brewing - No. 100! BA
Bronze: Big Block Brewing - Rattle Skull

Seltzers:
Gold: Ashtown Brewing - Green Jacket
Silver: Watts Brewing Company - Grapefruit
Bronze: Ladd & Lass Brewing - Boba Buddies

Fruited Ciders:
Gold: Terramar Brewstillery - Harvest Cider
Silver: Heathen Brewing - Peachy Keen
Bronze: Heathen Brewing - Mango Magic

Other Ciders:
Gold: Heathen Brewing - Apple Crisp
Silver: Mela Cider - Pumpkin Spice Hard Cider
Bronze: Mela Cider - Hard Apple Cider

Pro-Am:
Gold: Logan Brewing Company and Homebrewers Paul Bekkers and Tristan McCoy - Portal To Helles
Silver: Ladd & Lass Brewing and Homebrewer Tarn Allen - Snow & Fire
Bronze: Reuben's Brews Taproom and Homebrewer Kris Haskins - Dunkle Vision

Collaboration Beers:
Gold: Wander Brewing and Otherlands Beer - Terre Du Soleil
Silver: Lucky Envelope Brewing, Kyle Jungck and Georgetown Brewing Company - Black Heart Dark Lager
Bronze: Victor 23 and Irrelevant Beer - Forever Alt

Very Small Brewery of the Year: Garden Path Fermentation
Small Brewery of the Year (Sponsored by Country Malt Group): Four Generals Brewing
Mid-Sized Brewery of the Year (Sponsored by Yakima Chief Hops): Grains of Wrath Brewing
Large Brewery of the Year (Sponsored by Briess Malt and Ingredients): Stoup Brewing - Ballard