



## **GREAT INTERNATIONAL BEER, CIDER, MEAD & SAKE COMPETITION**

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The 27th Annual Great International Beer, Cider, Mead & Sake Competition took place November 8, 2025, in Norwalk, Connecticut.

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### **THE JUDGING**

Three hundred sixty-three (363) beers, ciders, meads, hard seltzers, non-alcohol beers and RTDs from across the U.S. and around the world entered the competition. Fifty-eight (58) professionals who work in all three tiers of the drinks business, plus food and drinks journalists, acted as judges in a blind tasting format. First, second and third place awards were presented in thirty-three (33) categories. The judges knew only the style, subcategory, ABV and any special notes (such as special ingredients) for each entry.

Since the competition began in 1997, over 11,000 entries have been judged. The winners receive medals and certificates, and the results are sent to traditional and social media outlets around the world.

## **2026 GREAT INTERNATIONAL BEER, CIDER, MEAD & SAKE COMPETITION**

The 28th Annual Great International Beer, Cider, Mead & Sake Competition takes place November 7, 2026, again in Norwalk, Connecticut.

The deadline for entry forms is October 10, 2026.

All information — categories, entry forms, etc. — is available from:  
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## 2025 WINNERS

### WHEAT ALE: AMERICAN & GERMAN

- 1 — Ramstein Winter Wheat, High Point Brewing, Butler, NJ
- 2 — Dr. Dunkelstein, NewSylum Brewing, Newtown, CT
- 3 — Munich Weiss, Toppling Goliath Brewing, Decorah, IA

### LIGHT ALE

- 1 — Dukes Cream Ale, NewSylum Brewing, Newtown, CT
- 2 — Lady Lupulin, Canned Heat Craft Beer, Fall River, MA
- 3 — We Care A Lot, Spider Bite Beer, Holbrook, NY

### BRITISH/IRISH/SCOTTISH ALE

- 1 — Martha's Vineyard Ale, Bad Martha Farmers Brewery, Falmouth, MA
- 2 — Pennyfarthing, Dirigible Brewing, Littleton, MA
- 3 — Goibniu, Tragmar Ale Works, Bristol, RI

### AMERICAN PALE & AMBER ALE

- 1 — Wolf Hollow Amber, Wolf Hollow Brewing, Schenectady, NY
- 2 — Baby Dragons, Woodstock Brewing, Phoenicia, NY
- 3 — First Bite Pale Ale, Spider Bite Beer, Holbrook, NY

### IPA

- 1 — Mermaid Cove, Armada Brewing, New Haven, CT
- 2 — Cyber Sue, Toppling Goliath Brewing, Decorah, IA
- 3 — Santilli, Night Shift Brewing, Everett, MA

### NEW ENGLAND IPA

- 1 — Pseudo Sue, Toppling Goliath Brewing, Decorah, IA
- 2 — For Love Nor Money, Wolf Hollow Brewing, Schenectady, NY
- 3 — 21.3, Kinsmen Brewing, Milldale, CT

### BLACK IPA

- 1 — Black Iron Furnace, Dirigible Brewing, Littleton, MA
- 2 — Nightmare On Elm, Clocktown Brewing, Thomaston, CT
- 3 — Midnight Dreary, Wolf Hollow Brewing, Schenectady, NY

### BROWN/COPPER ALE

- 1 — Spectral, Antimony Brewing, Lenox, MA
- 2 — Baker Street Brown, Sly Bandit Brewing, Wilton, CT
- 3 — Daniel Shay's Best Bitter, Northampton Brewery, Northampton, MA

### PORTER

- 1 — Porter, Back East Brewing, Bloomfield, CT
- 2 — Brown Porter, Airline Brewing, Amherst, ME
- 3 — Milkshake Porter, Taproot Brewing, Middletown, RI

## **STOUT**

- 1 — Morrigan, Tragmar Ale Works, Bristol, RI
- 2 — Breakfast, Hop Culture Brewing, Colchester, CT
- 3 — Axion, Broken Symmetry Brewing, Bethel, CT

## **LAGER — BOHEMIAN PILSNER**

- 1 — Buffalo Czech Pilsner, Shaidzon Beer Co., South Kingstown, RI
- 2 — Jagr Lager, Readington Brewery, Neshanic Station, NJ
- 3 — The Automaton, Dirigible Brewing, Littleton, MA

## **HELLES LAGER**

- 1 — Gerauchert, Moniker Brewery, Providence, RI
- 2 — Helles, Paradox Brewery, North Hudson, NY
- 3 — Helles, Von Trapp Brewing, Stowe, VT

## **LAGER — CONTINENTAL**

- 1 — Post Shift, Jack's Abby Brewing, Framingham, MA
- 2 — Keller Pils, Sly Bandit Brewing, Wilton, CT
- 3 — Apilsna Italiano, Armada Brewing, New Haven, CT

## **PREMIUM LAGER**

- 1 — Dark Lager, Moniker Brewery, Providence, RI
- 2 — Mountain Brew, Stewart's Shops, Ballston Spa, NY
- 3 — Doki Doki, Dead Language Beer Project, Hartford, CT

## **AMBER/DARK LAGER**

- 1 — Kobold, Tragmar Ale Works, Bristol, RI
- 2 — Voll Damm, S.A. Damm Brewery, Barcelona, Spain
- 3 — Black Beer, Stone Corral Brewery, Richmond, VT

## **AMBER/DARK LAGER — OTHER**

- 1 — Veerder Tavern Lager, Wolf Hollow Brewing, Schenectady, NY
- 2 — Trösten, Von Trapp Brewing, Stowe, VT
- 3 — Parkville Lager, Dead Language Beer Project, Hartford, CT

## **OKTOBERFEST**

- 1 — Oktoberfest, Thomas Hooker Brewery, Bloomfield, CT
- 2 — Butcher's Broom, Witchdoctor Brewing, Southington, CT
- 3 — Munchin', Spider Bite Beer Co., Holbrook, NY

## **STRONG BEERS — MIXED STYLES**

- 1 — West End Reserve, Moniker Brewery, Providence, RI
- 2 — Pacific Dawn, Captain Lawrence Brewing, Elmsford, NY
- 3 — Boris The Spider, Spider Bite Beer Co., Holbrook, New York

## **STRONG BEER — NEW ENGLAND IMPERIAL IPA**

- 1 — House Of Horrors, Canned Heat Craft Beer, Fall River, MA
- 2 — King Sue, Toppling Goliath Brewing, Decorah, IA
- 3 — Northwoods IPA, Northwoods Brewing, Northwood, NH

### **SOUR & WILD ALE**

- 1 — Sour Knux, Bubba Brews, Bonnerdale, AR
- 2 — Bender Blender, Triple Berry, Ledgeview Brewing, Warsaw, IN
- 3 — Boom Bang, NewSylum Brewing, Newtown, CT

### **BELGIAN & FRENCH ALE**

- 1 — Holiday Ale, Two Roads Brewing, Stratford, CT
- 2 — Wit'drawls, NewSylum Brewing, Newtown, CT
- 3 — Smitten For Wits, Clocktown Brewing, Thomaston, CT

### **GLUTEN-FREE & -REDUCED BEER**

- 1 — Rowdy, Bubba Brews, Bonnerdale, AR
- 2 — Insensitive IPA, Northampton Brewery, Northampton, MA
- 3 — Daily NEIPA, Vue Brewing, Southington, CT

### **FRUIT & SPICE ALE — ALES WITH SPICES, HERBS, OTHER INGREDIENTS**

- 1 — Bitburger Radler Naturtrüb, Bitburger Brewery, Bitburg, Germany
- 2 — Serveza, Sycamore Brewing, Charlotte, NC
- 3 — Briar Patch, Stone Corral Brewery, Richmond, VT

### **FRUIT & SPICE ALE — ALES WITH FRUIT**

- 1 — Super Quench, Sycamore Brewing, Charlotte, NC
- 2 — Blushing Blonde, Bubba Brews, Bonnerdale, AR
- 3 — Knockin' Boots, Hop Culture Brewing, Colchester, CT

### **FRUIT & SPICE ALE — PUMPKIN BEERS**

- 1 — Piescrapper, Night Shift Brewing, Everett, MA
- 2 — Bane of Ichabod, Ledgeview Brewing, Warsaw, IN
- 3 — Pumpkin Patch, Vue Brewing, Southington, CT

### **NON-ALCOHOL BEER**

- 1 — Cruise Control Zero, Two Roads Brewing, Stratford, CT
- 2 — Bitburger 0.0%, Bitburger Brewery, Bitburg, Germany
- 3 — 1820 All That Razz, 1820 Brewing, Portland, ME

### **CIDER — COMMON CIDER**

- 1 — Rhody Coyote, Newport Vineyards, Middletown, RI
- 2 — Magners Original Cider, Magners Irish Cider, Clonmel, Ireland
- 3 — Woodchuck Pearseco Cider Vermont Cider Co., Middlebury, VT

### **CIDER — FRUITED CIDER**

- 1 — Magners Pear Cider, Magners Irish Cider, Clonmel, Ireland
- 2 — Woodchuck Slice of Sun Cider, Vermont Cider Co., Middlebury, VT
- 3 — Woodchuck Amber Cider, Vermont Cider Co., Middlebury, VT

### **CIDER — SPECIALTY CIDERS**

- 1 — Transfusion Cider, Sycamore Brewing, Charlotte, NC
- 2 — Rhody Coyote Extra Dry, Newport Vineyards, Middletown, RI
- 3 — Pinedemic, Armageddon Brewing, Somerdale, NJ

### **MEAD**

- 1 — Freya's Kiss, Stone Corral Brewery, Richmond, VT
- 2 — Brigid, Tragmar Ale Works, Bristol, RI
- 3 — None Awarded

### **SAKE**

- 1 — TyKu Ultra Premium Junmai Daiginjo, Umenoyado Brewery, Nara, Japan
- 2 — TyKu Black Super Premium Junmai Ginjo, Umenoyado Brewery, Nara, Japan
- 3 — Angel Fish, Origami Sake, Hot Springs, AR

### **HARD SELTZER — MALT- & SPIRITS-BASED**

- 1 — Black Cherry Fizz, Northampton Brewery, Northampton, MA
- 2 — Boghead, Bad Martha Farmers Brewery, Falmouth, MA
- 3 — Hoot, Night Shift Brewing, Everett, MA

### **RTDs — SPIRITS-BASED**

- 1 — Lemon Lime Verbena Mojito, Owl's Brew, New York, NY
- 2 — Gin & Tonic, Two Roads Brewing, Stratford, CT
- Tied for 3 — The Purple Finch, Londonderry, NH
- Tied for 3 — Espresso Martini, Veritable Distillery, Stonington, CT

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