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CA State Fair & Food Festival Announces 2023 Commercial Craft Beer Competition Award Winners

SACRAMENTO — The winners of the CA State Fair & Food Festival Commercial Craft Beer have been decided. With the help of volunteers, 45 certified beer judges sampled nearly 900 beer entries that came from California breweries throughout the state.

The CA State Fair & Food Festival Commercial Craft Beer Competition is a prestigious platform that distinguishes and honors the finest brew masters in California. Showcasing exclusively California-brewed and commercially available beers, the competition delivers a comprehensive evaluation across various categories. Beers are meticulously judged based on their distinct taste, vibrant color, and superior quality, emphasizing the passion and craftsmanship that define California's thriving beer industry.

Judging took place over a 5-day period from June 14-18. On the last day, an expert panel of judges named the Best of Show and Brewery of the Year. HiDef Brewing, a Los Angeles-based craft beer enterprise that remarkably launched during the height of a global pandemic, was awarded the Best of Show title. This recognition was earned for their extraordinary brew, the Bass Clef Barley Wine. Brewery of the Year went to Monk's Cellar from Roseville, California. A complete list of Commercial Beer Competition winners can be found [here](#).

Many of the winning commercial craft breweries will be featured at the 2023 Best of California Brewfest, held on **Saturday, July 22**, at Heart Health Park during the CA State Fair & Food Festival. Attendees can enjoy beer tastings from 3 pm – 6 pm, with General Admission tickets priced at \$45 and VIP tickets at \$55 advanced purchase VIP ticket holders will have access to an extra hour of beer tasting starting at 2 pm. For ticket purchasing information and further details on participating breweries, go to CA State Fair's [Brewfest webpage](#).

Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to experience the best of California's craft beer scene, as well as the chance to discover new and innovative craft beer beverages. Mark your calendars and join us for the 2023 Best of California Brewfest!

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