

BRUSSELS BEER CHALLENGE 2019 : A TRAPPIST BEER TAKES THE TOP SPOT!

As is now customary, Belgian breweries entered their “best” beers in the competition and competed against the crème de crème from breweries in the United States, Italy, Germany, France and more exotic countries such as Finland and Japan.

This year, 1,650 beers confronted the palates of 90 international experts. The 8th Brussels Beer Challenge took place from 1 to 3 November in Mons. Over 3 days, 90 international experts gathered to evaluate competing beers in an objective, impartial and professional manner. During the tasting, beer entries were divided into 60 consistent flights based on their origin, typicity and style.

For the very first time, a Trappist beer came away with First Prize at the Brussels Beer Challenge.

The 2019 Chimay Grande Réserve was awarded the title of INTERNATIONAL REVELATION at the competition.

The Ter Dolen Blond by the Ter Dolen de Houthalen brewery clinched the title of BELGIAN REVELATION at the competition.

Milestones at the 2019 event:

- Belgium maintained its leadership with 76 awards, followed by the United States (46), Italy (24), the Netherlands (21), China (18), France (16) and Germany (15).
- Entries went through the roof with more than 1,650 beers competing!
- The competition is increasingly international in scope with entries from 35 countries this year, including Australia, South Korea, Argentina and Ukraine. For the first time, a gold medal was awarded to a Finnish and a Colombian brewery.

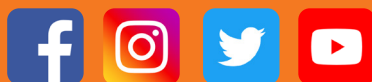
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The Brussels Beer Challenge is:

- A unique opportunity for producers to come up against the best beers in the brewing market.
- An international competition, first organised in 2012 as part of 'Brusselicious' and gourmet food year, which has become a benchmark for beer enthusiasts and specialists.
- 90 hand-picked professional international judges (journalists, writers, etc.) who gather to judge competing beers.
- 35 countries taking part, including Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Cambodia, Canada, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, the United Kingdom and the United States.
- More than 1,650 beer entries (compared with 1,500 in 2017 and 730 in 2014) tasted over 3 mornings and divided into 8 styles (Pale Ale, Dark Ale, Red Ale, Pils, Stout/Porter, White, Flavoured Beers, Special Beers) and subdivided into 60 categories (lambic, abbey, chocolate beers, etc.).

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