

Champion Beer of London

This year, once again, the Festival is hosting the Champion Beer of London.

The beers have come through from a combination of feedback from CAMRA's London Tasting Panel and a CAMRA members' vote, which took place last autumn. To be considered, breweries have to have been brewing for a while before they are eligible and the beer has to be brewed regularly.

These beers will be available after the judging on Thursday morning. The results of the judging will

Anspach & Hobday

The Smoked Brown 6% Sp

Smoky aroma with cocoa notes, which are also in the dry flavour, which is balanced by a caramelised sweetness. Smoky aftertaste.

Brick

Blenheim Black 5.3% OA

Strong dark ale with a hoppy character and citrusy, spicy and tropical fruit aromas from the North American hops.

By The Horns

Mayor of Garratt 4.3% BB

Amber best bitter with sweet biscuit and orange fruit flavour. Long dry finish with some bitterness and some peppery hop.

East London Brewing

Orchid 3.6% M

Delicate vanilla on nose and flavour. Fruity overtones coupled with cocoa dark roast character that is present in the finish.

Cowcatcher American Pale Ale 4.8% G

Fruity hoppy rich golden ale with honey sweetness, mango and hints of passionfruit, lingering in the dry bitter finish.

Quadrant Oatmeal Stout 5.8% S

Smooth, rich Oatmeal Stout with liquorice, mocha and caramelised fruit. Roasted coffee aroma.

Five Points

Pale 4.4% G

Strong fruity bitter golden coloured ale with citrus and tropical fruit fading in the aftertaste where the bitterness lingers.

Railway Porter 4.8%

Roasted black malt throughout creating a dry roasted finish softened by a treacly sweetness. Some caramelised fruit and peppery hops.

Fuller's

London Porter 5.5% P

Dark roast malt gives bitter and slightly dry characteristics to this smooth black porter. Caramelised fruit notes are more pronounced in flavour and finish.

ESB 5.5% SB

Bitter orange marmalade with hops, creamy toffee and some raisins are all present in this multifaceted strong brown bitter.

Hackney

American Pale Ale 4.5% BB

Pale brown beer with a sweet citrus aroma and full smooth mouth feel. Citrus and floral hops on the palate.

Hammerton

Pentonville Oyster Stout 5.3% S

Liquorice and fruit on the palate. Dry finish with a little dark roast character and a touch of caramelised fruit.

Hop Stuff

Renegade IPA 5.6% SB

Smooth dark-gold IPA with grapefruit and spiced hops aroma and flavour. Warm lingering finish that is bitter and dry.

Kew Brewery

Sheep in Wolf's Clothing 6.8% Sp

Creamy, rich, complex Saison with bubblegum and sweet malt in the aroma and flavour with tangerine notes. Dry peppery finish.

London Brewing Company

100 Oysters Stout 4.6% S

Sweet dark treacle and soft citrus fruit on this smooth stout. Finish is dry roast with a little bitterness.

One Mile End

Great Tom Mild 3.8% M

Easy drinking mild with coffee and chocolate notes throughout.

Portobello

Star 4.3% BB

Pale brown malty best bitter with a sweetish nose, a fruity flavour and a bitter finish. Hints of nut on the palate and some hops throughout.

Redemption

Pale Ale 3.8% B

Well-balanced amber bitter with peppery hops and citrus throughout. Sweet toffee and fruit fades in the slightly dry bitter finish.

Reunion

Opening Gambit 3.8% B

Traditional bitter with pleasant balance of biscuit, hop and bitter orange. Bitterness builds strongly in the lingering finish.

Talwar 4.5% Sp

Yellow beer with sweet earthy hops overlaid with a lemony fruitiness and a touch of spice from the added coriander.

Sambrook's

Powerhouse Porter 4.9% P

Dark brown porter with a pleasant roasted malt nose with some sultana, blackcurrant and treacle character. Dry roasted finish.

East

East End Mild 3.5% M

Dark mild that has roast and a little fruit and treacle on the palate fading in the shortish dry finish.

Twickenham

Grandstand 3.8%

Pale brown beer with peach, citrus and malt on the palate, fading in the bitter, slightly dry finish.

Naked Ladies 4.4% G

Refreshing dark golden ale with a touch of spicy hop in the flavour but fruit dominates with a lasting bitterness.

Gothick Dark 4.6% SM

A strong, dark mild brewed using pale crystal and two types of chocolate malt. Full-bodied and malty but with a dryish, chocolatey edge.

Wimbledon

Quartermaine IPA 5.8% SB

Amber beer with slight sweetness complementing citrus and summer fruits plus spicy hops. Fruit, spice and bitter-sweet finish. Hoppy nose.