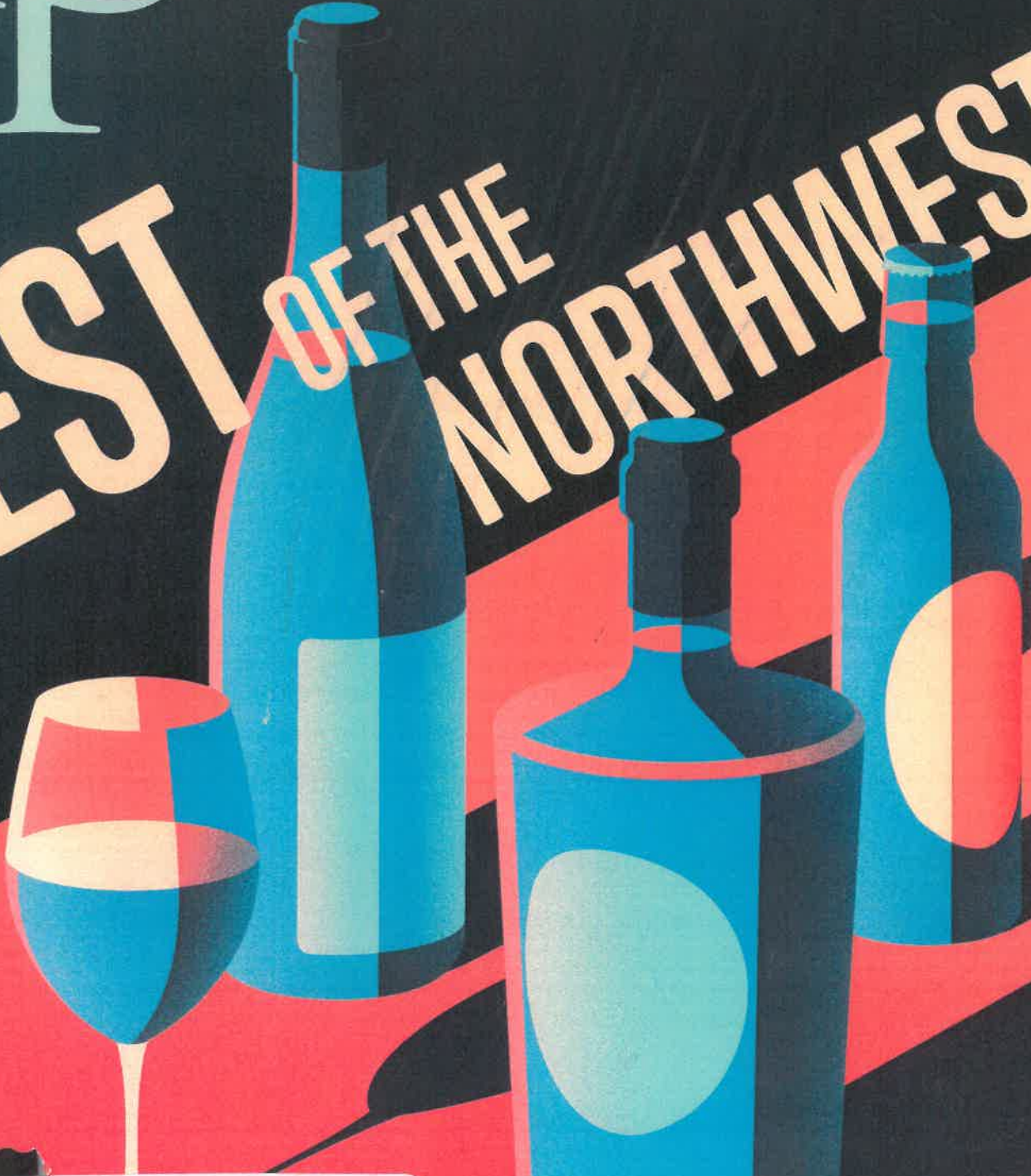


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## BEST BELGIAN-STYLE ALE

**1ST PLACE**

Wander Brewing Wanderale Belgian Blond

**ORIGIN** » Bellingham, WA

**CHARACTER** » Like finding out that your unassuming babysitter used to race BMX bikes, Wanderale tempers its sweetness with a bit of bite.

A standout from the young brewery, this beer pours a hazy golden in the glass. Along with the aromatic hops, the Belgian abbey yeast gives the beer a classic mild fruitiness with a slight peppery finish.

» \$6/500ml

» wanderbrewing.com

**2ND PLACE**

Hellbent Brewing Co. Mossback Monk » \$7/12oz draft

**3RD PLACE**

Snoqualmie Falls Brewing Co. Spring Fever » \$6/22oz



## BEST BARREL-AGED

**1ST PLACE**

Full Sail Brewing Co. Bourbon Barrel-Aged Wheatwine Ale

**ORIGIN** »

Hood River, OR

**CHARACTER** » Brewed in a barleywine style but with wheat and caramelized wheat malt instead of barley, this beer is striking and surprising. Honey-hued in the glass,



the almost overwhelming bou flavors of fig and vanilla are balanced out by its relatively l body and the spicy, citrusy no the hops.

» \$5/22oz

» fullsailbrewing.com

**2ND PLACE**

Kulshan Brewing Co. Shuksan Barrel-Aged Russian Imperial Stout » \$9/10oz draft

**3RD PLACE**

Schooner Exact Brewing Co. 2015 Spring Barrel-Aged Imperic » \$13/22oz



## BEST PORTER

### 1ST PLACE

#### Wingman Brewers P-51 Coconut

ORIGIN » Tacoma, WA

CHARACTER » This is sort of like a Goldilocks beer: Some coconut beers have too much coconut, some don't have enough but this one is just right. Black as night with a creamy brown head that introduces a chewy chocolate aroma, it's strong for a porter, with just a bit of boozy burn. To boot, it's surprisingly dry for a beer of its 8 percent ABV dimension.

» \$5/22oz » wingmanbrewers.com

### 2ND PLACE

» Long Brewing Paul's Porter  
» \$10/22oz

### 3RD PLACE

» Wander Brewing Global Mutt  
» \$6/750ml



## BEST STOUT

### 1ST PLACE

#### Two Beers Brewing Co. Fall Line Russian Imperial

ORIGIN » Seattle

CHARACTER » Opulent, rich and strong, just like the Czar would want it, this beer pours pitch black with a thick brown head. Six months in brandy barrels adds depth of flavor and enough alcohol to warm your blood. Served cold, it is deceptively smooth for a beer of its girth (12 percent ABV), but warming it a bit releases more flavors, like cherries, vanilla, chocolate and sherry.

» \$14/22oz » twobeersbrewery.com

### 2ND PLACE

» Kulshan Brewing Co. Shuksan Russian Imperial » \$6/13.5oz draft

### 3RD PLACE

» Counterbalance Brewing Co. Kushetka Russian Imperial  
» \$8/22oz



## BEST PALE ALE

### 1ST PLACE

#### Boneyard Beer Bone-A-Fide

ORIGIN » Bend, OR

CHARACTER » Every so often, a brewery is skilled enough — and lucky enough — to create an iconic beer, which Bone-A-Fide truly is. Its legions of devoted fans are won over by its intense piney, fruity hoppiness, laid over the crisp, clear, golden malt body. A winner for the second year in a row of this category.

» \$6/32oz crowler  
» boneyardbeer.com

### 2ND PLACE

Breakside Brewery Lunch Break India Session Ale » \$4/22oz

### 3RD PLACE

» Stoup Brewing Mosaic  
» \$7/16oz draft



## BEST INDIA PALE ALE

### 1ST PLACE

#### Fort George Brewery 3-Way IPA

ORIGIN » Astoria, OR

CHARACTER » For its fourth annual collaboration, Fort George teamed up with Barley Brown and Melvin Brewing in this anticipated release. Hopped with Apollo, Simcoe, Citra, Mosaic and Galaxy hops in four different rounds, the 3-Way is a pale, slightly sweet beer with a compelling citrus fragrance strong enough to be detected all the way across the room.

» \$10/16oz 4-pack  
» fortgeorgebrewery.com

### 2ND PLACE

» Boneyard Beer Hop-A-Wheelie  
» \$6/32oz crowler

### 3RD PLACE

» Schooner Exact Brewing Co. Hopvine » \$10/12oz 6-pack

## Best Northwest Beer Tour

### The Bend Ale Trail, Bend, OR

It's no secret to beer lovers that Bend, Oregon, is a landmark beer town and the Bend Ale Trail manages to make it even better. Downloadable for free online (and via mail), the trail covers 16 of Bend's 22 breweries, with participants checking off each of their sudsy stops along the trek on an ale-themed passport. Taste at 10 of the breweries and earn a free Sillipint, while visiting all 16 stops will get you a Bend Ale Trail bottle opener. The trail's website also lists referrals for means of responsible transportation.

» visitbend.com

