

Best Washington Agricultural Product Inspired Beer Special Award Rules

Awarded to the beer that best features Washington-produced ingredients. The beer must artistically express the unique Washington-produced ingredient character. For the purpose of this award, Washington-produced grains and hops are not considered eligible products. Beers submitted for the Best Washington Agricultural Product Inspired Beer Special Award must meet the following requirements:

- 1) Only beers submitted under the regular Washington Beer Awards Competition are eligible for Best Washington Agricultural Product Inspired Beer Special Award. Breweries are not allowed to enter beers ONLY for the Best Washington Agricultural Product Inspired Beer Special Award.
- 2) Beers submitted for the Best Washington Agricultural Product Inspired Beer Special Award must include a unique agricultural ingredient that was sourced within Washington State. Malt and hops are not considered unique agricultural products for the purpose of this special award. All of the ingredients do not need to be sourced from Washington State. The product must have been grown within the borders of the state (products imported from other states and processed in Washington State are not eligible). The beers submitted should present a solid presence of the Washington State sourced ingredients.
- 3) **During registration, the brewery must mark the appropriate checkbox for the Best WA Agricultural Product Inspired Beer Special Award Eligibility on the entry submission page.** It is also recommended to mention what Washington-sourced agricultural product was included in the beer in the “Specialty Information” section. The brewery should be prepared to cite the source of the agricultural product. There are no fees for submitting a beer for this award.
- 4) Depending on the number of bottles required for judging the entry during the regular competition and special awards, it may be necessary to submit extra bottles. Brewers will be informed if this will be necessary.
- 5) The beer will first be judged as normal in the Washington Beer Awards competition. Any medal earned in the regular competition will contribute to the “Brewery of the Year” awards. Selection as the Best Washington Agricultural Product Inspired Beer does not count to the “Brewery of the Year” awards.
- 6) A minimum of 3 eligible beers must be submitted for the Best Washington Agricultural Product Inspired Beer Special Award for the award to be presented. If there are insufficient entries to hold the selection, breweries will be notified during the entry confirmation process.
- 7) After the regular Washington Beer Awards competition, the eligible entries will be presented to an independent panel who will assess the beers based on how the beers successfully integrated the Washington sourced ingredients as well as how well the ingredients represents Washington. The panel will select one beer to be the Best Washington Agricultural Product Inspired Beer.