



Score Sheet

SOBA National Homebrew Competition 2019



Entry:

357

Category:

25C - Belgian Golden Strong Ale

Table:

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Aroma

as appropriate for style

(Comment on malt, hops, esters, and other aromatics)

To style Close Not to style

9 / 12

Light honey-sweet malt supports medium spicy phenolics. Medium fruity esters, sl. indistinct. Noticeable spicy, peppery α -alcohols - sl. solventy. Low herbal hop note underneath.

Appearance

as appropriate for style

(Comment on color, clarity, and head retention, color, and texture)

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Golden hue, light haze, yeast sediment in suspension. Fluffy, rocky white head persists well. Nice legs and lacing evident.

Flavour

as appropriate for style

(Comment on malt, hops, fermentation characteristics, balance, finish/aftertaste, and other flavor characteristics)

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13 / 20

Hot alcohol forward on the palate, medium phenolics are dominant over apple/pear/fruity esters - inappropriate for style. Low honey-sweet malt supports medium bitterness that lingers into a dry finish.

Mouthfeel

as appropriate for style

(Comment on body, carbonation, warmth, creaminess, astringency, and other palate sensations)

To style Close Not to style

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Medium body, medium-high carbonation. Noticeable, harsh, hot alcohol warmth.

Overall Impression

(Comment on overall drinking pleasure associated with entry give suggestions for improvement)

To style Close Not to style

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Very good example of style - nice malt expression supports complex yeast/ferment character. Hot harsh alcohol detracts from drinking pleasure. Balance skewed toward phenolics over esters. Revisit pitching rate, oxygenation and ferment temps. to keep fusel alcohols under control. This may also help ester-phenolic balance and character. Otherwise, well done!

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Please send any comments to nhc@soba.org.nz

TOTAL: 36/50



SCORING GUIDE

Category	Range	Description	Champ Brewer Points
Outstanding (Gold)	45-50	World-class example of style	+3
Excellent (Silver)	38-44	Exemplifies style well, requires minor fine-tuning	+2
Very Good (Bronze)	30-37	Generally within style parameters, some minor flaws	+1
Good	21-29	Misses the mark on style and/or minor flaws	0
Fair	14-20	Off flavors, aromas or major style deficiencies Major	-1
Problematic	0-13	off flavors and aromas dominate	-2