



# Score Sheet

SOBA National Homebrew Competition 2019



Entry:

54

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  Notto style

8 / 12

Noticeable peppery higher alcohols, sl. solvent note. Medium fruity esters of orange and pear. Medium spicy phenolics - sl. harsh. Nice perfumy character. Lovely bready, sweet, honey-like malt. Very low floral, perfumy hop note - illusory.

## Appearance

as appropriate for style

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

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2 / 3

Very pretty - glowing golden hue, very good clarity. Low, fluffy white head with average retention but able to be raised easily. Sl. lauging. On darker end of color for style but ok.

## Flavour

as appropriate for style

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

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13 / 20

As per aroma. Smooth, moderate bitterness is well balanced and lasts into the finish along with a touch high residual sweetness and spicy phenolics.

## Mouthfeel

as appropriate for style

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

To style  Close  Notto style

3 / 5

Medium, sl. heavy body, medium carbonation. Noticeable alcohol warmth - a touch hot, solventy.

## Overall Impression

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

To style  Close  Notto style

7 / 10

Very good beer, well made and contains all the characteristics of style. Could be improved through greater delicacy, balance and subtlety - alcohol is too pronounced/hot, finish too sweet and carbonation a touch low. Check yeast pitch rate (increase) and keep fermentation temperatures in check. Very good beer, just requires fine tuning and balance. Lovely ester profile. try again! Base recipe has pros & cons.

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**TOTAL: 33/50**



### 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