



Culinary Heritage Awards Category Beer

Breweries making traditional beer are pioneers of local manufacturing, using traditional and creative brewing and fermenting methods to redefine consumer expectations for craftsmanship with their beers. These brewers aim to reshape supply chains and promote responsibility by sourcing ingredients locally and grown without synthetic inputs when possible, practicing resource conservation and supporting local communities.

Standards

In order to be eligible for a Culinary Heritage Award, beer entries must meet the following standards:

- Made in the producers region and produced with traditional methods and/or traditional recipes.
- Traditional can be replaced by meeting at least five of the following eligibility criteria:
- Certified organic.
- Made with at least one ingredient (besides water and yeast) sourced within their geographical area. Malt will be considered "local" if sourced from a local "malt".
- Made with at least one ingredient (besides water) that is grown without the use of synthetic inputs, including herbicides, pesticides, fungicides or fertilizers.
- Made by a brewery that has made concrete water recycling or other resource efficiency improvements in the production or delivery process in the last five years.
- Made by a brewery that engages deeply with its community by participating in a sustainable-minded guild; offering paid time off for employees to volunteer for causes they believe in; or otherwise offers substantial support to its community.
- Made by a brewery that prioritizes resource or consumer packing waste reduction through programs, such as mash repurposing, growler programs and container-related sustainability measures.
- Made by a brewery that proudly maintains one or more third-party accreditations embodying social responsibility and transparency.
- Made by a producer that is an upstanding member of the Culinary Heritage community, committed to traditions, equity, inclusion, and justice in all levels of their business.

*Such as Fair Trade or other local organizations focused on environmental and social responsibility.