



# Yarra Valley Brewers Belgian Beerfest 18 May 2025

**31 Holloway Drive, Bayswater VIC 3153**

**Melways ref: 50 K6**

**Closing Date for entries: 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025, (No entries accepted at the competition venue)**

**\$7 per entry.** Entries can be delivered to participating homebrew stores:

*The Full Brew, Backyard Brewing, Hard Road Brewery, Keg King,*

**For 2025 no entries will be accepted at the competition venue.**

## Rules & Information

- Maximum of one entry per style within each category per brewer. The beer style nominated must be a designated style for the category, as listed in the Category Style list. Entry instructions for Cat.4 Saisons require that the entrant must specify the strength (table/standard/super) and the colour (pale/dark). With reference to Cat 6 Belgian Speciality Ale, this a catch all for a Belgian style beer not fitting any other described Category/Styles and will typically be an artisanal or experimental beer. The brewer must specify on the entry form either: the beer being cloned, the new style produced, or include special ingredients or processes used. A sufficient description is required to allow judges to properly judge the beer. The organisers reserve the right to reclassify a beer to a listed style.
- Style guidelines used are BJCP 2021 Style Guides for Cats 1-5 and 2008 Style Guide for Cat 6 - available at [www.bjcp.org](http://www.bjcp.org).
- One bottle only per entry (750 ml preferred) with a minimum size of 500 ml. Cost \$7.00 per entry.
- Judging will be by blind tasting. Beers styles within a Category will be scored against BJCP Style Guidelines. (See Item 2.)
- Judges decision will be final. Completed judging sheets will be returned to entrants.
- Prizes will be awarded for: the three overall highest scoring beers in each Category, the 'Champion Beer of Show' award and the 'Best Novice Brewer' award.
- Tied placing's will be separated by applying the following criteria in order until a winner is found: a) highest score for "overall impression"; b) highest score for "flavour"; c) smallest spread in total scores (smallest difference between highest and lowest scores); d) the tie stands.
- Champion Beer and Best Novice will be based on the highest number of judging points received for any beer, with rule 6 to be invoked in the event of a tie.
- Best Novice Trophy is open to Victorian entrants who have not placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in previous VicBrew accredited competitions.
- Presentations for Belgian Beerfest to be made by 5 pm on the day of the event.

## ENTRY FORM - Belgian Beerfest 2025

**Closing Date: 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at participating homebrew stores.**

Fold page or cut off entry form and attach to bottle with payment and entry details visible, **using rubber band only.**

<b>Brewer's Name</b> One name only will be registered by Organisers		Organiser use only – entry #	
<b>Address</b> (street)		<b>Suburb</b>	
<b>Email</b>		<b>Postcode</b>	
<b>Phone</b>	<b>Club (if applicable)</b>		

<b>Category</b>	<b>Style</b> Must be a designated Style for the Category nominated
<b>Description of Saison / Speciality Beer</b>	<b>Bottle Cap ID</b> (Where applicable)

<b>Payment included</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>with this entry</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>as part of a bulk payment.</b>
<b>Payment for bulk entries to be enclosed in a single envelope, accompanied by a complete list of brewers and their entries.</b>	

# Categories & Styles for Belgian Beerfest 2025

Full Style Guidelines available at: [www.vicbrew.org.au](http://www.vicbrew.org.au)

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### Category /Awards

### Styles (Beers can only be entered in the listed styles)

**1. LIGHT COLOUED ALES**

- 1.1 Trappist Single**
- 1.2 Belgian Blonde Ale**
- 1.3 Belgian Strong Golden Ale**
- 1.4 Tripel**

**2. DARK COLOURED ALES**

- 2.1 Dubbel**
- 2.2 Biere De Garde**
- 2.3 Belgian Strong Dark Ale**

**3 SUMMER ALES**

- 3.1 Witbier**
- 3.2 Belgian Pale Ale**
- 3.3 Belgian IPA**

**4 SAISON**

- 4.1 Saison (description required)**

**5 WILD BEERS**

- 5.1 Straight Lambic**
- 5.2 Flanders Brown Ale/Oud Bruin**
- 5.3 Gueuze**
- 5.4 Flanders Red Ale**
- 5.5 Fruit Lambic**

**6 BELGIAN SPECIALITY**

- 6.1 Belgian Speciality (description required)**

**7 BEST NOVICE BREWER**

**8 CHAMPION BEER OF SHOW**

### Entry Collection Points

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