



Yarra Valley Brewers Belgian Beerfest 2023

29th April 2023 at the Crown Hotel Lilydale

Champion Beer of Show - Sponsored by Keg King

Justin Manzano Merri Mashers Saison 127.5 points

Best Novice Brewer - Sponsored by Vicbrew

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Best Club Award

Yarra Valley Brewers 8 points

Melbourne Brewers 8 points

Merri Mashers 7 points

Bayside Brewers 4 points

Westgate Brewers 3 points

Thursty Brewers 2 points

Cat 1 Light Coloured Ales

Sponsor: The Full Brew

Judges: Michael Horn *BJCP*), Kristian Domagala *BJCP*), Richard Lynes

| SubStyle | Entry No. | Entrant | Club | Score |
|------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| 1.4 Tripel | 94 | Tom Kurka | Yarra Valley Brewers | 120 |
| 1.2 Belgian Blonde Ale | 42 | Luke Gilchrist | Westgate Brewers | 115* |
| 1.2 Belgian Blonde Ale | 15 | Bryce Van Denderen | Bayside Brewers | 115* |
| 1.4 Tripel | 40 | Luke Gilchrist | Westgate Brewers | 110 |
| 1.4 Tripel | 77 | Tom McCounan | INDEPENDENT | 110 |
| 1.1 Trappist Single | 35 | Brian Murray | Merri Mashers | 108 |

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| 1.2 Belgian Blonde Ale | 62 | Paul Lazaroll | Merri Mashers | 107 |
| 1.3 Belgian Strong Golden Ale | 37 | Luke Gilchrist | Westgate Brewers | 97 |
| 1.2 Belgian Blonde Ale | 66 | David Morton | Thursty Brewers | 94 |
| 1.3 Belgian Strong Golden Ale | 41 | Filip Andrea | INDEPENDENT | 91 |
| 1.4 Tripel | 65 | Mark Chapman | INDEPENDENT | 91 |
| 1.1 Trappist Single | 28 | Holger Detje | Merri Mashers | 90 |
| 1.4 Tripel | 2 | Chris Holmes | Melbourne Brewers | 88 |
| 1.4 Tripel | 59 | Hayden Henderson | Melbourne Brewers | 82 |
| 1.1 Trappist Single | 1 | Chris Holmes | Melbourne Brewers | 75 |
| 1.2 Belgian Blonde Ale | 71 | Baxter Hogan | Merri Mashers | 71 |
| 1.2 Belgian Blonde Ale | 90 | Cameron Eldridge | Merri Mashers | 68 |
| 1.2 Belgian Blonde Ale | 33 | Robert Schonfelder | INDEPENDENT | 45 |

* = countback rules applied

Cat 2 Dark Coloured Ales

Sponsor: Brewers Den

Judges: Mark Hibberd (BJCP), Paul Lazarou (BJCP), Mat Fitch

| SubStyle | Entry No. | Entrant | Club | Score |
|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| 2.3 Belgian Strong Dark Ale | 92 | Craig Bates | Melbourne Brewers | 125* |
| 2.2 Biere De Garde | 69 | Jo Skuse | Thursty Brewers | 125* |
| 2.3 Belgian Strong Dark Ale | 61 | Nick Peers | INDEPENDENT | 120 |
| 2.3 Belgian Strong Dark Ale | 86 | Clint Bee | INDEPENDENT | 118 |
| 2.2 Biere De Garde | 44 | Shannon Brooks | Merri Mashers | 116 |
| 2.3 Belgian Strong Dark Ale | 52 | Bryce Van Denderen | Bayside Brewers | 116 |
| 2.3 Belgian Strong Dark Ale | 36 | Brian Murray | Merri Mashers | 114 |
| 2.3 Belgian Strong Dark Ale | 68 | David Morton | Thursty Brewers | 114 |
| 2.3 Belgian Strong Dark Ale | 3 | Chris Holmes | Melbourne Brewers | 113 |

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|-----------------------------|----|--------------------|----------------------|-----|
| 2.1 Dubbel | 67 | Ben Lyon | INDEPENDENT | 112 |
| 2.1 Dubbel | 11 | Mark Newing | Melbourne Brewers | 109 |
| 2.3 Belgian Strong Dark Ale | 22 | Andrew Barker | Merri Mashers | 107 |
| 2.1 Dubbel | 53 | Bryce Van Denderen | Bayside Brewers | 103 |
| 2.1 Dubbel | 39 | Brian Murray | Merri Mashers | 97 |
| 2.1 Dubbel | 49 | Michael Whitehead | Merri Mashers | 43 |

* = countback rules applied

Cat 3 Summer Ales

Sponsor: The Full Brew

Judges: Shelly Hosking (BJCP), Craig Ditcham BJCP), Tom Cooper (BJCP) (Adjusted scores to 150 for Belgian IPA entries)

| SubStyle | Entry No. | Entrant | Club | Score |
|----------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| 3.1 Witbier | 95 | Tom Kurka | Yarra Valley Brewers | 124.5 |
| 3.3 Belgian IPA | 4 | Chris Holmes | Melbourne Brewers | 97.5 |
| 3.2 Belgian pale ale | 12 | Matt Standfield | Bayside Brewers | 93* |
| 3.3 Belgian IPA | 56 | David Hinchey | Merri Mashers | 93* |
| 3.1 Witbier | 26 | Michael Bowron | Westgate Brewers | 92 |
| 3.1 Witbier | 75 | Jeremy Skuse | Thirsty brewers | 86 |
| 3.3 Belgian IPA | 85 | Michael Horn | Merri Mashers | 84 |
| 3.3 Belgian IPA | 89 | Cameron Eldridge | Merri Mashers | 84 |
| 3.3 Belgian IPA | 73 | Jeremy Skuse | Thursty Brewers | 81 |
| 3.3 Belgian IPA | 76 | Jo Skuse | Thursty Brewers | 78 |
| 3.2 Belgian pale ale | 57 | David Hinchey | Merri Mashers | 76 |
| 3.3 Belgian IPA | 25 | Michael Bowron | Westgate Brewers | 75 |
| 3.2 Belgian pale ale | 38 | Brian Murray | Merri Mashers | 74 |
| 3.1 Witbier | 91 | David Harrison | Bayside Brewers | 73 |
| 3.2 Belgian pale ale | 47 | Hayden Henderson | Melbourne Brewers | 72 |
| 3.2 Belgian pale ale | 88 | David Harrison | Bayside Brewers | 71 |
| 3.2 Belgian pale ale | 21 | Richard Brown | Yarra Valley Brewers | 65 |
| 3.1 Witbier | 48 | Hayden Henderson | Melbourne Brewers | 64.5 |
| 3.1 Witbier | 51 | Nicolas Hellstern | Merri Mashers | 52 |

* = countback rules applied

Cat 4 Saison**Sponsor: Brewers Den**

Judges: Mikko Pludra (BJCP), Craig Bates (BJCP), (Adjusted scores to 150)

| SubStyle | Entry No. | Entrant | Club | Score |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| 4.1 Saison | 24 | Justin Manzano | Merri Mashers | 127.5 |
| 4.1 Saison | 23 | Brett Elliott | Bayside Brewers | 121.5 |
| 4.1 Saison | 43 | Luke Gilchrist | Westgate Brewers | 117 |
| 4.1 Saison | 64 | David Hinchey | Merri Mashers | 115.5 |
| 4.1 Saison | 10 | Shaun Staples | Merri Mashers | 114 |
| 4.1 Saison | 60 | Martin Miod | INDEPENDENT | 114 |
| 4.1 Saison | 29 | Michael Bowron | Westgate Brewers | 106.5 |
| 4.1 Saison | 45 | Daniel Horrige | Merri Mashers | 102 |
| 4.1 Saison | 17 | Holger Detje | Merri Mashers | 97.5 |
| 4.1 Saison | 70 | Jo Skuse | Thirsty brewers | 94.5 |
| 4.1 Saison | 32 | Sam Lochart | INDEPENDENT | 90 |
| 4.1 Saison | 63 | Paul Lazaroll | Merri Mashers | 88.5 |
| 4.1 Saison | 80 | Michael Horn | Merri Mashers | 88.5 |
| 4.1 Saison | 55 | Michael Whitehead | Merri Mashers | 87 |
| 4.1 Saison | 20 | Andrew Miller | Westgate Brewers | 82.5 |
| 4.1 Saison | 96 | Tom Kurka | Yarra Valley Brewers | 78 |

Cat 5 Wild beers**Sponsor: Grain & Grape**

Judges: Michael Bowron (BJCP), Ben Sewell, Ethan Ward BJCP)

| SubStyle | Entry No. | Entrant | Club | Score |
|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 5.5 Fruit Lambic | 82 | Michael Horn | Merri Mashers | 122 |
| 5.1 Straight Lambic | 81 | Tom McClounan | INDEPENDENT | 118 |
| 5.4 Flanders Red Ale | 78 | Tom McClounan | INDEPENDENT | 108 |
| 5.4 Flanders Red Ale | 164 | Paul Lazaroll | Merri Mashers | 107 |
| 5.1 Straight Lambic | 58 | Hayden Henderson | Melbourne Brewers | 102 |
| 5.2 Flanders Brown/Oud Bruin | 19 | Holger Detje | Merri Mashers | 100 |
| 5.2 Flanders Brown/Oud Bruin | 16 | Brett Tyrrell | Bayside Brewers | 98 |
| 5.3 Gueze | 54 | Hayden Henderson | Melbourne Brewers | 98 |

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| 5.5 Fruit Lambic | 14 | Hayden Henderson | Melbourne Brewers | 94 |
| 5.3 Gueze | 83 | Michael Horn | Merri Mashers | 88 |

Cat 6 Belgian Specialty beers

Sponsor: Grain & Grape

Judges: Cameron Eldridge (BJCP) , Tito Orellana BJCP), John Keske (BJCP)

| SubStyle | Entry No. | Entrant | Club | Score | Description |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------|---|
| 6.1 Belgian Specialty | 6 | Chris Holmes | Melbourne Brewers | 116 | strong dark belg xmas ale |
| 6.1 Belgian Specialty | 72 | Charles Johnston | Yarra Valley Brewers | 114 | Belgian pale ale with BRETT |
| 6.1 Belgian Specialty | 31 | Justin Manzano | Merri Mashers | 108 | Brett Saison standard strength |
| 6.1 Belgian Specialty | 30 | Michael Bowron | Westgate Brewers | 107.5 | Brett Saison (bootleg biology blend fermentation) |
| 6.1 Belgian Specialty | 5 | Chris Holmes | Melbourne Brewers | 107 | Orval clone |
| 6.1 Belgian Specialty | 13 | Brett Tyrrell | Bayside Brewers | 104.5 | Dark saison made with rye instead of wheat |
| 6.1 Belgian Specialty | 46 | Daniel Horrige | Merri Mashers | 100 | mixed fermentation sour saison |
| 6.1 Belgian Specialty | 18 | Shaun Staples | Merri Mashers | 98 | Standard saison with rose petals and rose hips |
| 6.1 Belgian Specialty | 27 | Holger Detje | Merri Mashers | 97 | Wet hops saison made with fresh Saaz hops 5.3% |
| 6.1 Belgian Specialty | 93 | Craig Bates | Melbourne Brewers | 97 | |
| 6.1 Belgian Specialty | 79 | Clinton Drought | Yarra Valley Brewers | 95.5 | Saison Braggot leatherwood honey |
| 6.1 Belgian Specialty | 74 | Baxter Hogan | Merri Mashers | 91.5 | Belgian Blanc |
| 6.1 Belgian Specialty | 50 | Hayden Henderson | Melbourne Brewers | 91 | Dark Brett Saison |
| 6.1 Belgian Specialty | 87 | Clint Bee | INDEPENDENT | 91 | 5 grain hoppy saison |
| 6.1 Belgian Specialty | 34 | Stewart Bant | INDEPENDENT | 81.5 | Open Ferment farmhouse ale using old hops |

