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Rogue XS – Xtra Special **Pacific Northwest Champions**

Princeton, NJ, February 24, 2009 – Two of Rogue Ales XS beers were named **Pacific Northwest Champion** at the 14th Annual United States Beer Tasting Championships held in Princeton, NJ.

Rogue's XS **Old Crustacean Barleywine**, winner of the Barleywine category is created from 8 Ingredients: Great Western Harrington, Klages, Munich and Hugh Baird Carastan Malts; Centennial and Chinook Hops; Rogue's Proprietary Pacman Ale Yeast & Free Range Coastal Water. Old Crustacean is an unfiltered and unfined Barleywine, that is intense, robust, malty and dark. It is considered the cognac of beers. The brewing specifications for Old Crustacean are as follows: 25° PLATO, 110 IBU, 83 AA, 57° L.

Rogue's XS **Russian Imperial Stout**, winner of the Imperial Stout category, is created from 12 Ingredients: Great Western Harrington, Klages, Hugh Baird XLT-80, Black, Munich, and Chocolate Malts, rolled oats; Willamette, Cascade and Chinook Hops; Rogue's Proprietary Pacman Ale Yeast & Free Range Coastal Water. Russian Imperial is considered the Emperor of Stouts, its specifications are as follows: 26° PLATO, 88 IBU, 73 AA, 256° L.



Russian Imperial Stout and Old Crustacean Barleywine are available in ceramic 750ml serigraphed bottles and on draft nationally and internationally.



Other breweries recognized include Great Divide, Deschutes, The Lost Abbey, Full Sail, Pelican, Issaquah Brewery and Kona Brewing. Rogue Ales have won 15 Grand Champion awards and 35 Pacific Northwest Champion awards from the U.S. Beer Tasting Championships to date.

The U.S. Beer Tasting Championships takes a unique approach in that its competition is held in multiple stages. Sequential field trials are conducted wherein judges evaluate beers and select the best beers to advance to subsequent rounds. This allows beers to be judged in relatively small flights while ensuring that the best beers are still determined through head-to-head competition. All beers were tasted in blinded fashion and judged on a hedonic scale.

Celebrating its second century, Rogue Ales is an Artisan Varietal Brewery founded in Oregon in 1988, as one of America's first 50 microbreweries. Rogue has 600+ awards for taste and quality and is distributed nationally and in 20 other countries.



OLD CRUSTACEAN		
	FOOD PAIRINGS/SPECS	
	25° PLATO 83 AA	110 IBU 57° L

IMPERIAL STOUT		
	FOOD PAIRINGS/SPECS	
	26° PLATO 73 AA	88 IBU 256° L