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Rogue is **3-Time Grand Champion** at the United States Beer Tasting Championships

NEWPORT, OR, April 21, 2008 (Rogue Wire Service) – Rogue Ales was named **Grand Champion** in three categories at the 2008 United States Beer Tasting Championships held in Princeton, NJ. Rogue was also recognized as the best in the Pacific Northwest region in five categories.

Rogue's **Old Crustacean Barleywine**, **Hazelnut Brown Nectar**, and **Mocha Porter** were named Grand Champions in the *Barleywine*, *Brown Ale*, and *Porter* categories respectively. All three were also awarded the title of **Pacific Northwest Champions**.

Rogue's **XS Imperial India Pale Ale** and **Imperial Stout** were also awarded the title of Pacific Northwest Champions in the *Imperial IPA/Red Ale* and *Imperial Stout* categories respectively.

Other breweries recognized include Great Divide, Three Floyds, Deschutes, The Lost Abbey, and Avery. Rogue Ales have won 15 Grand Champion awards and 33 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 550+ awards for taste and quality and is distributed nationally and in 10 other countries.



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