

GOLD MEDAL

Brussels Beer Challenge

Is the best saison in the world made in Fort Bragg, California?



North Coast Brewing Co.

Le Merle Belgian Style Farmhouse Ale

A panel of international judges at the Brussels Beer Challenge awarded the Gold Medal for Belgian Style Saison to an American beer—Le Merle from North Coast Brewing Co.

Le Merle bested all the competitive beers, including those brewed in Belgium, for the honor. “We see this as a landmark endorsement for the American Craft Brewing industry,” said Brewmaster Mark Ruedrich. “Our Belgian brothers have had a 600 year head start on us. Looks like we’ve made up for that.”

Also honored at the Brussels Beer Challenge:

North Coast Brewing’s Grand Cru: **Bronze**, Brut des Flanders

