

ALPHA KING CHALLENGE

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL FINALISTS AND PARTICIPANTS AT THIS YEAR'S ALPHA KING CHALLENGE!

AFTER CAREFULLY JUDGING MORE THAN 150 HOPPY BEERS, WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT ALVARADO STREET BREWERY IN MONTEREY, CA, IS THE WINNER OF THE 2019 ALPHA KING CHALLENGE. THEIR DOUBLE CONE DOUBLE IPA WAS VOTED THE "MOST WELL-BALANCED, DRINKABLE BEER IN THE WORLD!"

First Place – [Alvarado Street Brewery](#), Double Cone Double IPA (110 IBUs)

w/ Mosaic® & Citra® Brand hops

T-90 hop pellets & Cryo Hops® pellets

Second Place – [Belching Beaver Brewery](#), Thiz Is What It Iz Double IPA (90 IBUs)

w/ Citra® Brand hops.

T-90 & Cryo Hops® pellets

Third Place – [Fat Heads Brewery](#), Green Grunge Double IPA (95 IBUs)

w/ HBC 637, Chinook, Citra®, Simcoe® & Mosaic® Brand hops

T-90 hop pellets, Whole Leaf & Cryo Hops® pellets

Fourth Place (Honorable Mention) – [Humble Sea Brewing Co.](#), Socks & Sandals "Foggy" IPA (50 IBUs)

w/ Centennial, Chinook, Citra® & Simcoe® Brand hops

T-90 hop pellets

Other Finalists (in no particular order)

[Melvin Brewing](#), Cloudy 5000 Hazy IPA

[3 Punk Ales](#), Kill The Pour West Coast IPA

[Uber Brew](#), Hop Flashes American IPA

[Resident Brewing](#), Hops Til You Drop ADIPA

[Pinthouse Pizza](#), Fully Adrift DIPA

[Moonraker Brewing Co.](#), California Resins West Coast DIPA

[Comrade Brewing Co.](#), Sketch Bet DIPA

[Roadhouse Brewing Co.](#), The Profit DIPA

[Mason Ale Works](#), The Duke DIPA

[Track 7 Brewing](#), Cryo Thing 2.0 IIPA

[Riip Beer Co.](#), Dankster Squad West Coast IPA

[Reuben's Brews](#), Hang Clouds Imperial Hazy IPA

[Call to Arms Brewing Co.](#), More Like Bore-O-Phyll
Wet Hop IPA
[Laughing Sun Brewing](#), Feast Like a Sultan IPA
[Sunriver Brewing Co.](#), Double Dank DIPAs

SAVE THE DATE!

Next year's Alpha King Challenge will be on September 25, 2020, at Rock Bottom Brewing in Denver.

Registration will open in mid-July 2020. Check back on this page in a few months for details.

About Alpha King

Since 1999, the Alpha King Challenge has crowned the most well-balanced and drinkable beers with 60 IBUs or more — the top IPAs and DIPAs on the market. Founded by Yakima Chief Hops and [3 Floyds Brewing](#), the competition is named for 3 Floyds' flagship Alpha King American Pale Ale. Past winners include some of the biggest names in craft beer, including several of the best beers in America, according to a Zymurgy magazine survey. The Alpha King Challenge is limited to commercial brewers and is judged by a team of brewers, industry experts and veteran beer writers each year during Great American Beer Festival.

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