

## Zymurgy Commercial Calibration Beers

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A way to get up to practice up on your tasting is to "calibrate" yourself with commercial beers. Zymurgy has a column where 4 highly ranked BJCP judges evaluate commercially available beers under BJCP guidelines. Reading and drinking along with these reviews can help you understand what you are tasting and also help calibrate your scoring (there are, of course, variations on the particular beers that you and they have in hand).

You need two things: the Zymurgy articles in question and the beers. To help with the first half of this, we've listed out the beers which were reviewed and which edition they were published in.

AHA Members can find the reviews online [here](#).

Last Update: April 2012 (encourage the person responsible for updating this by sending a message [here](#))

Year #	Name	Cat
2004 4	Sierra Nevada Pale Ale	10A
2004 4	Anchor Steam	7B
2004 5	Mountain Meadows Sierra 24B <del>24B</del> Plectar Wildflower Mead	
2004 5	White Oak Cider	27B
2004 6	Victory Hop Devil Ale	14B
2004 6	Rogue Brutal Bitter	10A
2005 1	Celis White	16A
2005 1	New Belgium Abbey	18B
2005 2	Wolaver's Brown Ale	11C
2005 2	Wild Salmon Organic Pale Ale	10A - Fish Brewing Co.

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2005	3	Alaskan Amber	7A
2005	3	Indian Brown Ale - Dogfish Head	23
2005	4	None	#N/A
2005	4	None	#N/A
2005	5	Samuel Adams Boston Lager	25
2005	5	Shakespeare Stout - Roggen	10E
2005	6	None	#N/A
2005	6	None	#N/A
2006	1	Redhook Winterhook	19A
2006	1	Sierra Nevada Celebration	14B
2006	2	Red Seal Ale - North Coast Brewing Co.	10B
2006	2	BridgePort ESB	8C
2006	3	Flying Dog In-Heat Wheat	15A
2006	3	Black Butte Porter - Deschutes Brewery	10A
2006	4	1997 Alaskan Smoked Porter	22B
2006	4	2005 Alaskan Smoked Porter	22B
2006	5	Saint Arnold Fancy Lawnmower Beer	6C
2006	5	Snake River Vienna Style Lager	3A
2006	6	Magic Hat #9	20
2006	6	Dogfish Head Punkin Ale	21A

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2007	1	Curmudgeon's Nip - Odell Brewing Co.	18A
2007	1	Allagash Dubbel	18B
2007	2	Juniper Mountain Honey <del>26A</del> - Redstone Meader	26A
2007	2	Apple Cyser - Rabbit's Foot <del>25M</del> Meadery	25M
2007	3	Oak Aged Yeti Imperial Stout <del>22C</del> - Great Divide Brew	22C
2007	3	471 Double Hopped IPA - <del>18C</del> Beckenridge Brewery	18C
2007	4	Terrapin Rye Pale Ale	23
2007	4	Barney Flats Oatmeal Stout <del>18C</del> Anderson Valley Bre	18C
2007	5	Gordon Biersch Marzen	3B
2007	5	Victory Golden Monkey	18C
2007	6	Great Lakes Edmund Fitzgerald <del>12B</del> Bald Porter	12B
2007	6	Stone Russian Imperial Stout <del>16F</del>	16F
2008	1	Harpoon Winter Warmer	21B
2008	1	Pyramid Snow Cap	19A
2008	2	Stoudt's Gold Lager	1D
2008	2	Sprecher Black Bavarian	4C
2008	3	Kilgubbin Red Ale - Goose <del>0D</del> Island Beer Company	0D
2008	3	Trogenator Double Bock <del>5D</del> Troegs Brewing Compa	5D
2008	4	Long Shot Grape Pale Ale <del>20</del> Boston Beer Compan	20
2008	4	Long Shot Weizenbock - <del>15C</del> Boston Beer Company	15C

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2008	5	Farnum Hill Extra Dry Cider	27B
2008	5	West County Reine de Peche	27C
2008	6	Anchor Liberty Ale - Anchor Brewing Co.	14B
2008	6	Boulder Planet Porter - Boulder Beer Co.	10B
2009	1	Left Hand Brewing Company Milk Stout	16B
2009	1	Lagunitas Cappucino Stout	21A
2009	2	Oxford Organic Amber Ale	10B
2009	2	Wolaver's Oatmeal Stout	13C
2009	3	Ommegang Rare Vos	16B
2009	3	Jolly Pumpkin Oro de Calabaza	16B
2009	4	Nectar Ales Nectar IPA	14B
2009	4	Wild Goose IPA	14A
2009	5		

### Avery Brewing Company Ellie's Brown

10C

2009	5	Boulevard Brewing Company Boulevard Wheat	6D
2009	6	Session Black - Full Sail Brewing Co.	24A
2009	6	Capital Dark - Capital Brewery	4B
2010	1	Lost Abbey Duck Duck Goose	17E
2010	1	New Belgium La Folie	17B

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2010	2	The Bruery - Trade Winds	21A
2010	2	Elysian Brewing Company	21A
2010	3	Southampton Double White	23A
2010	3	Rogue Somer Orange Hops	23A
2010	4	New Glarus Cabin Fever	23A
2010	4	Tommyknocker Butt Head	5B
2010	5	Endless Summer Light - Karl Strauss Brewing Co.	14A
2010	5	Bell's Lager - Bell's Brewing Company	15/2B
2010	6	Hop in the Dark - Deschutes Brewing Company	23A
2010	6	Damnation - Russian River Brewing Company	18B
2011	1	True Blonde - Ska Brewing Co	6C
2011	1	Old Chub - Oskar Blues	9E
2011	2	Green Flash Barleywine	19C
2011	2	Hair of the Dog Doggie Chug	19C
2011	3	Smuttynose Baltic Porter	12C
2011	3	Summit Maibock	5A
2011	4	White Winter Sweet Mead	24C
2011	4	Que Syrah, Syrah - Celestine	25B
2011	5	Colette - Great Divide	16C
2011	5	Domain DuPage - Two Brothers Brewing Co.	16D

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2011	6	Beach Haus Classic American Pilsner	2C
2011	6	Left Hand Polestar Pilsner	2A
2012	1	Firestone Walker DBA	8B
2012	1	Upland Kiwi Lambic	17F
2012	2	Moylan's Dragoons Dry Irish Stout	15A
2012	2	Snake River Zonker Stout	13D
2012	3	Pandora's Bock - Breckenridge Brewery	5B
2012	3	Monster Ale - Brooklyn Brewery	19B