

CAMRA Champion Beer of Scotland 2009

Raven Ale soars to victory!

CAMRA, the Campaign for Real Ale, has today announced that Orkney brewery's Raven Ale has been voted Champion Beer of Scotland at the Scottish Real Ale Festival, Edinburgh.

Ten Scottish beers were selected by tasting panels that judge beer quality and taste to enter this year's final.

The final results were-

- 1st Raven Ale, Sinclair's Orkney Brewery**
- 2nd Red MacGregor, Sinclair's Orkney Brewery**
- 3rd XPA, Caledonian Brewery**

The winner, Orkney Raven Ale, is described in CAMRA's Good Beer Guide as 'a well-balanced, quaffable bitter. Malty fruitiness and bitter hops last through to the long, dry aftertaste.'

Bob Wallace, CAMRA's Scottish Real Ale Festival Organiser, congratulated the winner. He said:

'The judging panel had a very difficult decision to make, but in the end they agreed that they had selected a worthy champion.'

Norman Sinclair, Managing Director of Sinclair Breweries, said:

'We're absolutely overwhelmed by this result. This is the first time the brewery has taken the two top spots in this important event, so we're ecstatic. Our beers were up against some very stiff competition and subjected to what is a rigorous judging process, but their taste and quality have shone through and done us proud.'

The Scottish Real Ale Festival takes place at the Assembly Rooms, George Street, Edinburgh, and is running from Thursday 25th to Saturday 27th June.

Orkney Raven Ale will be available throughout the Scottish Real Ale Festival. The Festival organisers are expecting up to 3,500 visitors over the three-day period.

This year's festival will be serving 120+ Scottish Real Ales, including a range of Shilling Ales, Ciders and Perries. Last year's winner was Highland's Scapa Special.

Opening Times

Thursday 25 June - 4pm to 11pm, Friday 26 June - Noon to 11pm, Saturday 27 June - Noon to 9pm

Admission

CAMRA Members £3, Non-members £5

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