

Thanks to everyone who entered and those who judged the Fifth Annual Equinox Mead Competition. We had the largest turn-out yet with 48 entries from seventeen different mead and cider makers. The meads and ciders were of very high quality and some incredible blending skills were on display. Steven Kunemund took Best of Show with a Wheat Wine Zin Mead Braggot.

Thanks to Mike Kiker of The Alaska Meadery and Celestial Meads for sponsoring the competition. I want to thank the judges who assisted in judging this epic quest. For those who did not judge you missed some incredible meads and ciders.

Here are the results:

Traditional Meads: Cat. 24

- 1st. Breck Tostevin, GNBC, "Tupelo Love Juice 2012" Tupelo/Clover, Traditional Sweet Mead
- 2nd. Jason Ditsworth, GNBC, "Tupelo Drencher" Tupelo Traditional Sweet Mead
- 3rd. Steven Baxter, GNBC, Orange blossom, Traditional Semi-Sweet Mead

Melomel: Other Fruit Meads; Cat. 25c

- 1st. Steven Baxter and Ty Schommer, GNBC, Berry Blend Melomel
- 2nd. John Trapp, GNBC, "The Hawaiian Tickler," Pineapple Melomel
- 3rd. Kevin Sobolesky, GNBC, "Raspbomel," Raspberry Melomel

Melomel: Cyser and Pyments: Cat 25a and b

- 1st. Breck Tostevin, GNBC, "Grape Hottie," Petit Sarah Pymment
- 2nd. Breck Tostevin, GNBC, "The Juice," Riesling Ice Pymment
- 3rd. Steven Baxter, GNBC, Riesling Pymment
- HM, Steven Kunemund, "Wishful, Zinful," Zinfandel Pymment

Open Category Meads: Metheglin and Braggot: Cat. 26a and b

- 1st. Steven Kunemund, GNBC, "Hog Heaven," Wheat Wine, Zin Mead Braggot, Best of Show
- 2nd. Steven Baxter, GNBC, Oaked Star Anise Metheglin
- 3rd. Yonali Liriano and Steven Kunemund, GNBC, "Mamajuana Mead," Dominican Herb Metheglin

Open Category Meads: Cat. 26c "The Wild Ones"

- 1st. John Trapp, GNBC, "Fuck Yeah" Vodka Mead
- 2nd. Pete Devaris, GNBC, "White Port" Oaked Christmas Berry Blossom with Brandy
- 3rd. Jason Ditsworth and Pete Devaris, "Spank Me" Tupelo, Blackberry Blossom, Red Currants and Rose Petals
- HM. Breck Tostevin, "Dark Matter" Sorghum Honey, Cherries and Pears

Standard Cider and Perry: Cat. 27

1st. Pete Devaris and Jason Ditsworth, "PJ's," 27a Common Cider

2nd. Steven Jayich, "Apple Cider," 27a Common Cider

Specialty Cider and Perry: Cat. 28

1st. Dan Bosch, 28c Apple Wine

2nd. Steven Jayich, 28c Apple Wine