



PURE PROJECT BREWING

2024 FIRST RUNNER-UP BREWERY OF THE YEAR

HIGHEST SCORING BEERS:

[Corylus](#) – Rated 97/100

[Rain](#) – Rated 96/100

[Tropical Mist](#) – Rated 94/100

Pure Project Brewing in **San Diego, California** is tied for the first runner-up spot for Brewery of the Year in 2024. Pure Project was originally conceived in 2013 in Costa Rica, but the founders opted to open the brewery in Miramar after a space opened up with a prebuilt brewing system. Thank goodness they did, as, fast-forward over 10 years, and the brewery submitted some of 2024's best beers.

Pure Project delivered an intriguing array of styles to our Official Review in 2024, but the company's highest-scoring brew was Corylus, a rotating, limited release Specialty Wood-Aged Beer (in this case, a bourbon barrel-aged imperial stout) that is highly sought after by Pure Project's fans as well as barrel-aged beer aficionados on the West Coast – and throughout the U.S. This year, Corylus featured three terrific adjuncts: organic toasted hazelnuts, organic Peruvian cacao and organic Brazilian coffee in their base imperial stout and aged the beer for a whopping 15 months in [Cutwater](#) bourbon barrels. According to the brewery, “elements of each ingredient come together beautifully to create a delicious experience for the senses. Expect to be greeted with aromas of cinnamon sugar cookies, bourbon and vanilla wafer that give way to decadent flavors of dark chocolate fudge, hazelnut gelato, and inky espresso on the tongue.”

The brewery's second highest-scoring beer was Rain, a simply titled German pilsner that is far from simple. Rather, it is a near-flawless representation of a beer style that experienced massive growth in 2024, both particularly and at large: pilsners did well in the year that was and lagers in general



had a banner year over the past 365 days. Rain, in particular, is an awesome modern example of a classic German style, and our judge said it “brought back many memories” of his travels to Germany while he imbibed it. High praise indeed!

Last, but far from least, from Pure Project was Tropical Mist, an intriguing fruit beer brewed with crushed organic Valencia oranges. Fruit beers are not the most common among craft beer tap lists these days, so it’s refreshing to see one rank as one of the highest-scoring beers of the year from one 2024’s best breweries.

CORYLUS - Specialty Wood-Aged Beer

Pure Project’s top-scoring brew was a luxurious bourbon barrel-aged imperial stout made with organic toasted hazelnuts, organic Peruvian cacao and organic Brazilian coffee.

Rated 97/100 by The Beer Connoisseur



RAIN - German Pils

A clean, simple and eminently refreshing German pilsner – showcasing Pure Project’s tremendous range.

Rated 96/100 by The Beer Connoisseur



TROPICAL MIST - Fruit Beer

This Valencia orange-infused fruit beer would serve as the perfect accompaniment to a lovely breakfast as part of a spritzzy beer-mosa.

Rated 94/100 by The Beer Connoisseur