



STRATEGY GUIDE

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Special Character Key

\$	This beer has trendy adjuncts (vanilla/cinnamon/hazelnuts/banana/etc.), so watch for lines.
	Don't sleep on this brewery. Save your sleeping for the back of your Lyft/Uber on the way home.
☼	This beer will be the best beer of the fest for many people. Probably. Hell, what do we know?
	This beer has won top FoBAB awards in the last four years. Bask in its glory.

The table below is purely speculative - we don't know for sure what beers each brewery will bring, nor do we know if they will be organized by the category suggested in parentheses. If they don't bring the beers we're hoping for, check them out anyways - these are solid breweries. And no, we haven't had all of these beers - but we hear good things from reputable sources (and, uh, Untappd). Some breweries were left off because everyone already knows about them, so calm down about us leaving off Goose Island.

✓	Brewery	Especially if they bring...
	4 Hands Brewery (St. Louis, MO)	BA Bona Fide (Strong Porter/Stout) Madagascar (Strong Porter/Stout) \$
	4 Noses Brewing Co. (Broomfield, CO)	Ryeciprocal (Specialty Strong Stout) Reciprocal (Strong Stout)
	Arclight Brewing Co. (Watervliet, MI)	Soursmith Kriek (Wild Beer/Sours w/ Fruit) BBA Swayze B Crazy (Specialty Strong Porter/Stout)
	Atom Brewing Co. (Erie, CO)	Raspberry Harvest (Wild Beer/Sours w/ Fruit) Peach Sour (Wild Beer/Sours w/ Fruit)
	August Schell Brewing Co. (New Ulm, MN)	Starkeller Peach (Wild Beer/Sours w/ Fruit) Tidal Disruption (Wild Beer/Sours w/ Fruit)
	Blackberry Farm Brewery (Walland, TN)	Barrel Series Brett Fruit Blend (Wild Beer/Sours w/ Fruit) Native Series Blackberry Rye (Wild Beer/Sours w/ Fruit)
	Braxton Brewing Co. (Covington, KY)	Dark Charge variants (Stout categories) Snow Shovel (Strong Dark Beer) \$
	BrickStone Brewery (Bourbonnais, IL)	BA Dark Secret - any variant (Stout categories) After World X (Barleywine/Wheatwine)



Cerebral Brewing 🍷 (Denver, CO)	BA Work From Home (Specialty Strong Porter/Stout) \$ Tonal Language (Fruit Beer)
Cruz Blanca Brewery (Chicago, IL)	<i>We really have no idea on this one, but knowing Jacob's FoBAB history from GI Clybourn, it's safe to get excited about whatever.</i>
DESTIHL Brewery (Normal, IL)	Dosvidanya Rye (Strong Porter/Stout) 🏆 Dosvidanya Vanilla Rye (Strong Porter/Stout) \$ 🌟
Dovetail Brewery (Chicago, IL)	<i>What the hell are these beer wizards going to bring? Barrel-aged lagers? Does it matter? I will drink all of it.</i>
Forbidden Root (Chicago, IL)	Night Moth (Strong Pale Beer) 🌟 BA Green Eyes (Specialty/Experimental)
Free Will Brewery (Perkasie, PA)	Olly (Wild Beer/Sour) 🏆 Black Friday (Strong Dark Beer) 🏆
Fremont Brewing (Seattle, WA)	Abominable variants (Strong Dark Beer) \$🌟 Dark Star variants (Strong Porter/Stout) \$🌟
Hailstorm Brewing Co (Tinley Park, IL)	Vlad RIS variants (Specialty Strong Porter/Stout) <i>They win a lot of medals at beer fests.</i> 🏆
Half Acre Beer Co. (Chicago, IL)	Pony Aged in Gin Barrels (Strong Pale Beer) 🌟 Benthic (Specialty Strong Porter/Stout) \$
Hardwood Park Craft Brewery (Richmond, VA)	Family Tree Barrel Blend (Specialty Strong Porter/Stout) Bourbon Gingerbread Stout (Specialty Strong Porter/Stout) \$
Haymarket Pub and Brewery (Chicago, IL)	Clare's Thirsty Ale (Fruit Beer) 🌟 Indignant (Strong Porter/Stout)
Horse Thief Hollow (Chicago, IL)	Hilltop Weizenbock (Classic Beer Style) 🏆 Cinnamon Girl (Specialty Strong Porter/Stout) \$ 🌟
Imperial Oak Brewing (Willow Springs, IL)	BA I Must Break You (Strong Porter/Stout) Gin Admiral Ackbeer - It's a Trap(pist)! (Strong Dark Beer)
Lil Beaver Brewery 🍷 (Bloomington, IL)	Rye Barrel Liquid Mounds Bar (Specialty Strong Porter/Stout) \$ Big Hairy Cherry (Fruit Beer)
Listermann/Triple Digit Brewing (Cincinnati, OH)	Chickow! (Specialty/Experimental Beer) 🏆 Chickow! Turtle (Specialty/Experimental Beer) \$ 🌟
Lo Rez Brewing (Chicago, IL)	BA Primary Element (Classic Beer Styles) Far North Declaration (Strong Porter/Stout)
Maplewood Brewery & Distillery (Chicago, IL)	Barley Butcher (Barleywine/Wheatine) <i>Anything they've aged in their own spirit barrels, because, cool.</i>
Metropolitan Brewing (Chicago, IL)	My Little Flywheel (Classic Beer Styles) <i>Just some good ass barrel-aged lagers.</i> 🌟



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Mikerphone Brewing (Chicago, IL)	<i>There was a rumored collaboration with WeldWerks on a crazy blended stout, but either way, you're going to seek Mikerphone.</i>
MKE Brewing (Milwaukee, WI)	Gin O-Gii (Specialty/Experimental) 🏆 Prestige Worldwide (Barleywine/Wheatwine)
Odd Side Ales (Grand Haven, MI)	Hazel's Nuts (Specialty Strong Porter/Stout) \$ 🌟 BA Sweet Potato Souffle Rye (Specialty/Experimental Beer) 🌟
Off Color Brewing (Chicago, IL)	Market Rate (Wild Beer/Sours w/ Fruit) Papillon (Wild Beer/Brett) 🏆
pFriem Family Brewers 🍷 (Hood River, OR)	Pruim (Wild Beer/Sours w/ Fruit) 🌟 Oude Kriek (Wild Beer/Sours w/ Fruit)
Pipeworks Brewing (Chicago, IL)	Murderous (Barleywine/Wheatwine) 🏆 The Jones Dog (Specialty Strong Porter/Stout) 🏆
Revolution Brewing (Chicago, IL)	VSOD (Strong Porter/Stout) VSOJ (Barleywine/Wheatwine)
Sketchbook Brewing 🍷 (Evanston, IL)	Barrel Fever's Revenge (Specialty/Experimental Beer) Buffalo Trace Turbulence (Strong Porter/Stout)
Smylie Brothers Brewing (Evanston, IL)	Who the Funk is Brett Pulver? (Wild Beer/Brett) 🌟 Bourbon Barrel Belgian Strong (Strong Dark Beer)
Speciation Artisan Ales 🍷 (Comstock Park, MI)	Incipient variants (Wild Beer/Sours) Mendelian Inheritance (Wild Beer/Sours)
Spiteful Brewing (Chicago, IL)	Malevolence Chocolate Caliente 🏆 🌟 \$ Belligerent Bob (Barleywine/Wheatwine) 🏆
Sun King Brewing (Indianapolis, IN)	Cherry Busey (Wild Beer/Sours w/ Fruit) 🌟 Afternoon Delight (Classic Styles) 🏆
Transient Artisan Ales (Bridgman, MI)	<i>C'mon. It's Transient. C'mmmooooonnnnn.</i>
Verboten Brewing 🍷 (Loveland, CO)	Little Nonsense (Strong Porter/Stout) Mountain Man (Strong Dark Beer)
Watermark Brewing (Stevensville, MI)	BA Vibes (Strong Porter/Stout) Wild Urchin - Gin (Wild Beer/Sours)
WeldWerks Brewing (Greeley, CO)	Medianoche (Specialty Strong Porter/Stout) 🌟 \$ Peach Climacteric (Wild Beer/Sours w/ Fruit) 🌟 \$
Werk Force Brewing (Plainfield, IL)	Beautifully Broken (Fruit Beer) 🏆 Sleepy Bear (Strong Porter/Stout)
Wolf's Ridge Brewing 🍷 (Columbus, OH)	BA Canis Mexicanus (Specialty Strong Porter/Stout) 🌟 Dire Wolf variants (Specialty Strong Porter/Stout)

