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## **The Beer Connoisseur Magazine names Gnarly Barley 2020 Brewery of the Year**

### **Eight Gnarly Barley Beers place in Top 100 Beers of 2020, rounding out an impressive series of accolades from leading beer industry publication**

**Hammond, Louisiana | January 13, 2021** - *The Beer Connoisseur*<sup>®</sup> has recognized Gnarly Barley as the Brewery of the Year for 2020. Citing the team's "extensive knowledge of popular styles" it is noted that both the core lineup and special offerings impressed their dedicated panel of beer critics.

*"In 2020, Gnarly Barley's brewers were able to thread the needle of crafting immensely popular styles among craft beer aficionados, such as complex and inviting barrel-aged beers or thick, dessert-ready pastry stouts while also producing difficult-to-brew styles such as American light lagers or India Pale Lagers. That range of brewing expertise showcases the team's extensive knowledge of popular styles"*

Eight Gnarly Barley beers achieved a score of 91 or above, placing them in the Top 100 Beers of 2020. Additionally, Puff Puff Pastry Stout and Barrel-Aged Imperial Korova were afforded the coveted World-Class Rating with scores of 96 and 97 respectively, while five other beers rated as Exceptional. Barrel-Aged Imperial Korova was one of only three beers to score 97 or higher in 2020, and was the #2 beer overall for the year.

The honor of these accolades is indicative of the dedication and passion of the entire Gnarly Barley team. In a year that has been generally reviled they have come through with their adaptability and creativity and cemented themselves as leaders in the craft beer community. It is incredibly humbling to be recognized for that determination and ownership is thankful for every member of the team that comprises Gnarly Barley.



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## About Gnarly Barley

Originating from the home of Zac and Cari Caramonta, Gnarly Barley Brewing saw its start in a crowded garage, amongst the presence of two fat cats and a halfpipe. After being exposed to great craft beer, Zac began homebrewing initially as an investigation into the brewing process. Soon after, he sought to create brews as exceptional as those that had originally inspired him. Gnarly Barley's homebrewed beer debuted at the New Orleans on Tap Beer Festival in 2011 with the Korova Milk Porter and the Hoppopotamus IPA. Gaining positive feedback through local beer festivals and finding many comrades in the local brewing community, Zac and Cari set their sights on opening a craft brewery, and in 2014 it came to fruition in a 14,000 sq ft facility in Hammond, Louisiana.

Gnarly Barley has been the recipient of numerous accolades and awards such as 2017 Louisiana Lantern Award; Brewer's Association's Top 50 Fastest Growing Breweries, 2017 & 2018; Silver Medal at 2020 Great American Beer Festival for Korova Milk Porter in Milk Stout/Sweet Stout Category; and *The Beer Connoisseur®* 2020 Brewery of the Year. Current distribution in South Louisiana includes the Northshore, Greater New Orleans area, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Houma, Lake Charles, and Alexandria.