



Birrificio Del Ducato

located Roncole Green, Lower Parma, Italy (140km southeast of Milan)



Born in 2007, Birrificio Del Ducato *is now the WORLD'S MOST AWARDED ITALIAN MICROBREWERY*. Located in Roncole Green, Lower Parma (140km southeast of Milan), - this is the birthplace of Giuseppe Verdi (famous Italian Romantic Opera Composer from the region) and the land of cured meats and sparkling wines, a history of daily sacrifice and passion.



In 2011 alone, Birrificio Del Ducato *won for the second time "Brewery of the Year"* and at the same time won 7 metals at the European Beer Star award (an unheralded achievement).



Some of Birrificio Del Ducato's awards:

- European Beer Star 2011
- International Beer Challenge 2011
- Brewery of the Year 2011
- European Beer Star 2010
- International Beer Challenge 2010
- World Beer Cup 2010
- Brewery of the Year 2010
- Wine Enthusiast Top 25
- Stockholm Beer Festival
- Draft Magazine Top 25 Beers
- European Beer Star 2008
- Beer of the Year 2008
- Beer of the Year 2007
- and many more....



For full list of Birrificio Del Ducato's awards- please visit <http://www.birrificiodelducato.net/riconoscimenti/#all>



Hans-Peter Drexler
Brewmaster of G. Schneider & Sohn

Hans-Peter Drexler has been working for Schneider Weisse Brewery for the past 25 years and is currently the head brewmaster. Along with Georg Schneider VI, current owner, Hans-Peter has built upon the brewery's legacy with the creation of Organic Edel Weisse, Aventinus Eisbock, Schneider Brooklner Hopfenweisse (collaboration brew with Brooklyn Brewery's brewmaster Garrett Oliver). Hans-Peter Drexler is the foremost expert on wheat beer and is extremely knowledgeable on all facets of the brewing world. He is a member of international tasting panels, judges numerous International Beer Championships, and is member of the "Erzeugergemeinschaft für Riedener Jurabrauergerste und Qualitätsgetreide w.V" (association for regional cultivation of brewing barley and quality grain). He graduated from the famous Technische Universität München / Zweigstelle Weihenstephan (TUM) with a degree in brewing (after Cambridge and Oxford the TAU is ranked as the fourth top research university in the European Union).



Giovanni Campari
Brewmaster and Owner of Birrifificio Del Ducato

"In 2006, after a period of home-brewing, my two partners and I decided to open a microbrewery. We bought a second hand brewhouse from Birrifificio Italiano (Lurago Marinone, Como, Italy) where I spent six months training under the teaching of Brewmaster Agostino Arioli. Then, we started the production in March 2007 in Roncole Verdi, Italy. In November 2008, we were the First Italian micro-brewery to win an award at the International Beer Competition (Verdi Imperial Stout Gold Medal at the European Beer Star 2008). In 2009, we obtained more awards both from beer competitions and press and expanded our domestic and international markets. In 2010, we were awarded "Best Italian Micro-brewery" ("Birrifificio dell'Anno") and we got a Silver Metal at the World Beer Cup and 5 Medals at the International Beer Challenge in London, thus becoming the most awarded Italian brewery. In 2011, we won for the second time in a row the title "Birrifificio dell'Anno" with 5 Golds and 1 Bronze at the Italian beer competition while at the European Beer Star we scored the all time record getting 7 medals (2 Golds, 2 Silvers, 3 Bronzes).

"During these years, I've also visited many breweries in Europe, USA and Canada. Since 2009 I'm a judge of European Beer Star in Munich (Germany), and a member of Bierquerdenker Brewing Team (a group of independent and innovative brewers organized by German Privatbrauerei Association). Since 2008 I'm a member of Unionbirrai Beer Tasters. In summer 2010, we opened a second brewery in Fiorenzuola, Italy (15 km far from Roncole Verdi), which has a brewing capacity four times our original brewhouse in Roncole Verdi, Italy."