

# The Best of California

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"THERE ARE SO  
MANY INCREDIBLE  
FACETS TO THIS  
STATE!"

California  
dream big

Sunset Marquis in  
West Hollywood



EXPLORE

## GOLDEN AGE

**Back off, Belgium.** Move over, Munich. California is the "it" destination for beer lovers these days thanks to an unparalleled combination of quantity, quality, and innovation. More than 1,100 craft breweries currently operate here—far more than any other state—and in 2020 California breweries produced more than 3.3 million barrels of the good stuff.

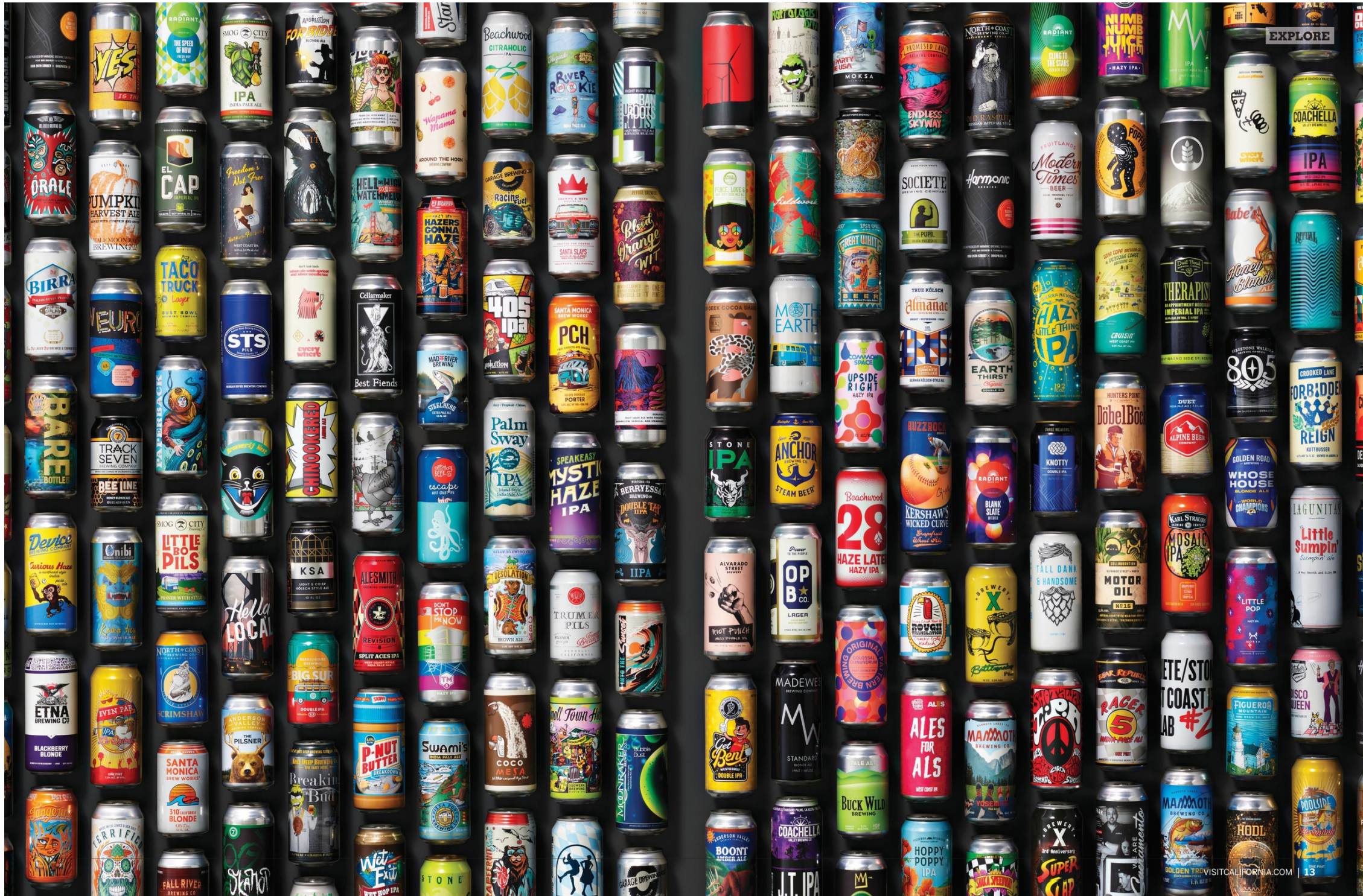
How good? Very. Pioneering breweries like Sierra Nevada, Russian River, and Stone helped put California on the malt beverage map, but competition for tastebuds has pushed the industry forward. California nabbed the most medals—79!—at the 2022 Great American Beer Festival, as well as "Brewery of the Year" awards for Wild Fields Brewhouse in Atascadero, North Park Beer Co. in San Diego, and Ghost Town Brewing in Oakland.

We couldn't possibly showcase every deserving porter, pilsner, and West Coast IPA available here so instead we took a snapshot, literally, of 100+ beers representing all 12 travel regions of the state. Turn the page and start making plans to savor all the flavor. >>>

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## Make Berkeley Your Bay Area Base Camp

Planning a trip to the Bay Area? Berkeley is your best place to stay and play. This hip college city just across the water from San Francisco is day-trip close to Napa, Sonoma and Livermore wine country. And from Berkeley, it's a big head start to Mendocino, Tahoe, Yosemite, and all amazing NorCal destinations.

Pre and post, return to your "Bay Area Base Camp" for Berkeley's world-class dining and arts, buy-local shopping and urban-adjacent outdoor escapes. We should mention: you may not want to go anywhere else, with all there is to do right here. Plan accordingly!



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