

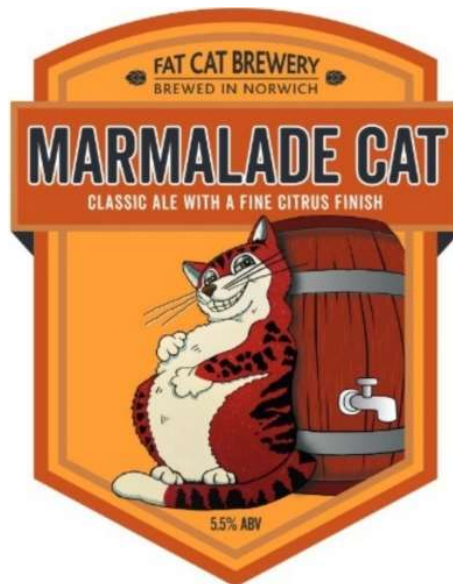


## CHAMPION CASK ALES OF NORFOLK 2025 'MARMALADE IS THE CAT'S WHISKERS!'

Fat Cat's '**Marmalade Cat**' Pounces to Victory as Champion Cask Ale of Norfolk 2025!

Norwich's very own **Fat Cat Brewery** has just claimed the title of Champion Cask Ale of Norfolk 2025 with their zesty 5.5% 'Marmalade Cat'. A charmingly feline-themed ale, that's been purring its way into the hearts of Norfolk beer lovers for over 20 years.

Described in the Good Beer Guide as, 'Oxford marmalade throughout. Orange and malt pervade both aroma and taste. A full-bodied mix of contrasting but balanced flavours. A bittersweet hoppiness holds firm in a fine unsullied finish.'



It's no surprise that Marmalade Cat has earned top honours in this annual competition, organised by the Norfolk Branches of the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA). This beer has earned its stripes as a Norfolk classic, proving once again that when you've got a winning recipe, it never goes out of style, much like the taste of marmalade on toast!

Founded in 2005 by Colin Keatley, who is also the proud owner of the Fat Cat and Fat Cat & Canary pubs, the brewery has been churning out crowd-pleasers for nearly two decades. Their beers are available in various spots around Norwich and Norfolk and are also distributed by Small Beer of Lincoln. And for those who prefer a bottle, many of their brews are available as bottle-conditioned ales.

Chris Riches, Brewery Manager, commented, 'We're delighted that Marmalade Cat is Champion Beer of Norfolk 2025, as it celebrates 20 years of being brewed. One of our original recipes, it has been a consistent favourite with customers across the county, proving that good taste and quality never go out of fashion.'

But Fat Cat wasn't the only brewery with something to cheer about. **Tombstone Brewery** in Great Yarmouth was right behind with two entries that grabbed the Runner-up and Third place positions.

Taking second place overall was '**Blackfoot**', a 4.8% Session Porter described as, 'Rich and creamy with a sweet malty aroma and taste. Plum, chocolate, and caramel flavours soften the roasty undercurrent.'

And coming in third was '**Arizona**', a 3.9% Session Bitter, described as having, 'A malt and lemon amora, with initial lemongrass and sweet biscuit flavours, quickly fading to reveal a sweet juicy finish, enhanced by tones of malt.'

Alan Edwards, Chair of the Norfolk CAMRA Panel, praised the local talent, stating. 'Norfolk beers are amongst the best in the country, and these awards recognise the very best. They, and others like them, can be found and enjoyed in pubs far and wide. If we wish to ensure the survival of these brews, and the pubs that serve them, we must take every opportunity to seek them out and enjoy.'

The winning beers were tasted and scored by members of the Norfolk CAMRA Tasting Panel, who certainly had their work cut out for them- tough job, but someone had to do it!

## CHAMPION CASK ALE OF NORFOLK 2025

### OVERALL WINNER

	BEER	BREWERY	HOME	BRANCH
WINNER	MARMALADE CAT	FAT CAT	NORFOLK	NORWICH & DISTRICT
RUNNER UP	BLACKFOOT	TOMBSTONE	GREAT YARMOUTH	EAST NORFOLK
THIRD	ARIZONA	TOMBSTONE	GREAT YARMOUTH	EAST NORFOLK

### MILD

WINNER	FUSIONEER	MR WINTER'S	NORWICH	NORWICH & DISTRICT
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### SESSION BITTER

WINNER	ARIZONA	TOMBSTONE	GREAT YARMOUTH	EAST NORFOLK
RUNNER-UP	FIRST PROMISE	AMPERSAND	DISS	MID ANGLIA
THIRD	ENCORE	LACONS	GREAT YARMOUTH	EAST NORFOLK

### PREMIUM BITTER

WINNER	MARMALADE CAT	FAT CAT	NORWICH	NORWICH & DISTRICT
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### IPA

WINNER	WILD CAT IPA	FAT CAT	NORWICH	NORWICH & DISTRICT
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### SESSION PALE BLONDE & GOLDEN ALE

WINNER	GOLD	CHALK HILL	NORWICH	NORWICH & DISTRICT
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### PREMIUM PALE BLONDE & GOLDEN ALE

WINNER	INCREDIBLE PALE ALE	FAT CAT	NORWICH	NORWICH & DISTRICT
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### BROWN ALE, RED ALE, OLD ALE & STRONG MILD

WINNER	NOG	WOODFORDE'S	WOODBASTWICK	NORWICH & DISTRICT
RUNNER UP	NIGHTLIGHT	ELMTREE	SNETTERTON	NORWICH & DISTRICT

### SESSION STOUT & PORTER

WINNER	BLACKFOOT	TOMBSTONE	GREAT YARMOUTH	EAST NORFOLK
RUNNER-UP	BLACK ANNA	CHALK HILL	NORWICH	NORWICH & DISTRICT

THIRD	MILK STOUT	FAT CAT	NORWICH	NORWICH & DISTRICT
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### **SPECIALITY ALE**

WINNER	BLACKBERRY PORTER	S&P	NORWICH	NORWICH & DISTRICT
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