



Steven Pauwels

Brewmaster

Since joining Boulevard Brewing in 1999, Steven Pauwels has overseen all aspects of brewing and quality control as the Kansas City craft brewer's sales have more than quadrupled. Pauwels is also responsible for more than a dozen new Boulevard brands, including the critically acclaimed Smokestack Series line of artisanal beers.

A native of Belgium, Steven grew up steeped in the brewing business. His first direct exposure was summer work at Eeklo's Brouwerij Krüger, his hometown brewery where his father held a job. After receiving degrees in Biochemical Engineering from KaHo Sint-Lieven and Business Administration from Mercator, both in Ghent, Belgium, he held positions at the Domus brewpub in Louvain and at RIVA brewery in Dentergem.



The acclaimed brewmaster has received international recognition for his work, including multiple medals at the World Beer Cup and the Great American Beer Festival. Boulevard's most award-winning beer, ZON Belgian-Style Witbier, was the very first that Steven developed upon his arrival.