





Robyn Schumacher from Stoup Brewing

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Meet Robyn Schumacher. She's a brewer and an owner of Stoup Brewing in Seattle's Ballard Brewing District. After teaching high school biology for many years, Robyn turned her career path upside down. In 2012, she became a certified cicerone (that's basically a sommelier, but for beer)—making her the first woman in the state of Washington to hold that title. Robyn's refined palate and background in science give her a unique perspective on brewing.

"There are a lot of women in all aspects of the beer industry here in Seattle. Two out of the three owners here at Stoup are women. There are fewer women on the production/brewing side, but we still have a really strong community. We meet regularly to discuss different aspects of the industry and share our knowledge with each other. Women are naturally collaborative so it's a great way to learn from and support each other." -Seattle Brewer Robyn Schumacher



"Be honest with yourself about what you know and what you don't know. It's not as simple as scaling up from homebrew. It's also a full time commitment to run a business. Be prepared for that!" -Robyn Schumacher of Stoup Brewing

"I love creating something that makes people happy. It's really fulfilling to work with your hands and produce a product. At the end of the brew day, the taproom opens and I get to finish brewing while watching our beer drinking community enjoy themselves, and each other, over a beer." -Robyn Schumacher

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