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CALIFORNIA CRAFT BEER
over the years

1965
Fritz Maytag purchases Anchor Brewing Company in San Francisco, the first craft brewery in the U.S.

1980
Homebrewer Ken Grossman, opens Sierra Nevada Brewing Company, now one of the largest craft breweries in the nation

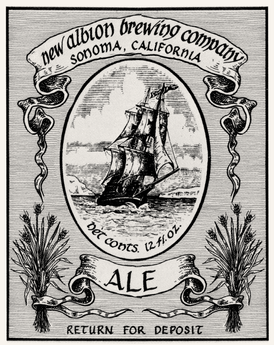
1983
Mendocino Brewing Co. opens in Hopland, the first brewpub in California and the second brewpub in the nation

1990
Less than 70 breweries in operation across the state

2017
More than 850 breweries in operation across California

850 CALIFORNIA BREWERIES
as of July 2017

1960 1970 1980 1990 2000 2010 2017



1977
New Albion Brewing Company opens in Northern California, now known as the first modern microbrewery in America

1982
Legislation is passed legalizing brewpubs in California, only the second state in the country to allow breweries to sell food and beer on-site to the public

1989
The California Craft Brewers Association is founded, the first state trade association in the nation to represent craft brewers

1989
Karl Strauss Brewing Company opens in downtown San Diego, the first craft brewery in San Diego

1994
Vinnie Cilurzo brews the first Double IPA in America, "Inaugural Ale," at his first brewery, Blind Pig Brewing Company

2014
Legislation is passed allowing breweries to sell craft beer at Farmer's Markets

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