

# CRAFT BEER, Rebranded

# BUILDING YOUR BRAND STRATEGY

### **SECTION 05 ACTIVITIES**

In this section, you'll be diving into the meat of the brand strategy process. You'll define your positioning, core values, brand architecture and brand essence.

#### **Overall, you will:**

- □ Define your positioning
- □ Write your positioning statement
- □ Identify your competitive set
- Define your mission, vision and brand values
- □ Create customer personas
- □ Define your brand architecture
- □ Define your brand essence

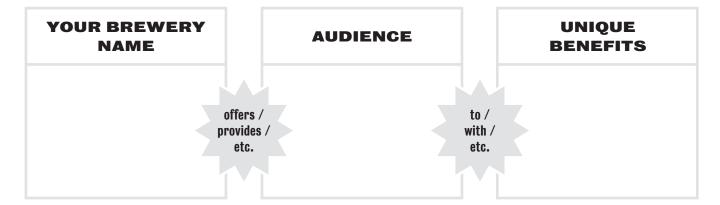
# POSITIONING

What makes you, *you*? Define your positioning in your market.

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	do you offer?	Who are your customers?
סו	WHAT MAKES YOU UNIQUE?	
5	How are you different from—not necessarily b	etter—than your competition?

### WRITE YOUR POSITIONING STATEMENT

Where brewery + audience + unique benefits meet.



### **LIST YOUR COMPETITION**

What does your competition do well? Who are their targeted audiences and what are the benefits they are providing them?

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# CREATE A Positioning Matrix

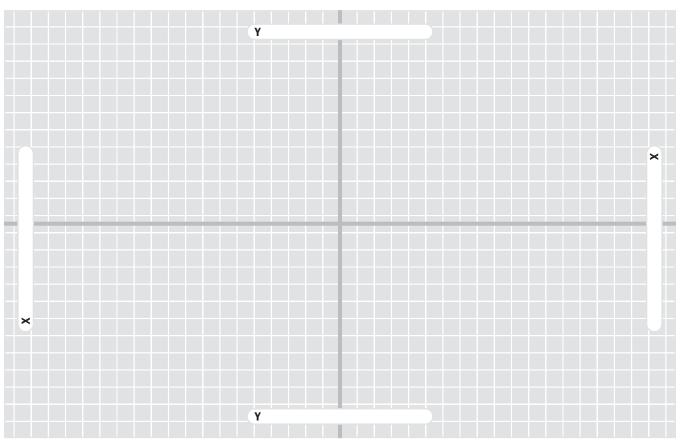
Create a positioning matrix to get an idea of where you sit relative to your competition in regard to scale, concept, price, aesthetics and story. (In some markets, this could be 5 breweries. In other markets, it could be 50.) **Refer to page 103 in** *Craft Beer, Rebranded* for a quick refresher.

### MATRIX Title:



#### POSSIBLE AXIS VALUES

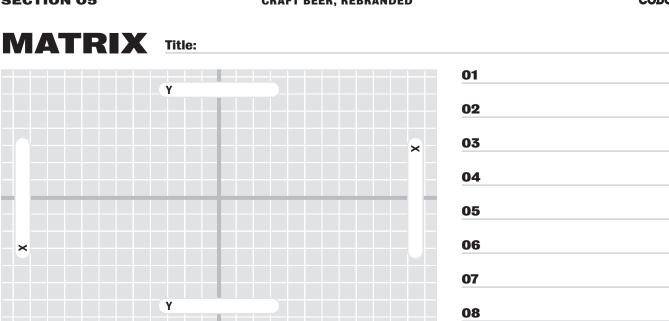
Taproom Focused/ Production Focused Cans / Bottles Affordable / Expensive Innovative / Traditional New / Established Clean Design / Colorful & Illustrative Approachable Beer / Niche Beer Poorly-Branded / Well-Branded



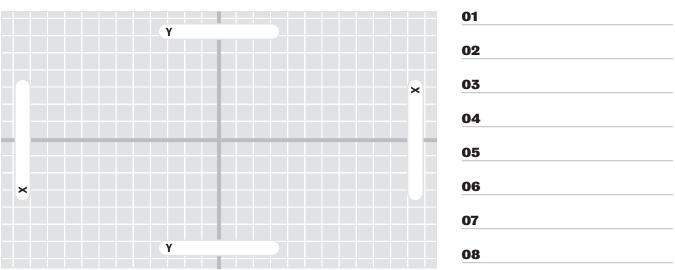
List the breweries you identified on the previous page below. Then, place their number where you think they fall on the matrix. Add as many as you feel are realistic competition.

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02	06
03	07
04	08

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#### **OPPORTUNITIES**

Do you see any big opportunities not being offered in your market?

#### **TAKE AWAYS**

How can you apply these findings to your brewery through your rebrand?

#### СОДО

# IDENTIFY YOUR BREWERY'S CORE BRAND VALUES

Write a list of things you've achieved (or plan to achieve in the future). What are you most proud of? What are (or will be) the most remarkable aspects of your brewery? From there, determine a brand value for each point. Examples: innovation / community / artistry / precision / etc.

WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT...

**CORE VALUES** 

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### **REFINE YOUR VALUES**

Refine your values by combining (or eliminating) similar ideas until you have three to six strong, non-negotiables. (It's common to have a lot of synonyms in your first round).

01	04
02	05
03	06

### WHY EACH VALUE IS IMPORTANT TO YOU

Write a short blurb about why each of these values is important to you. Try to give examples of when you applied each value to an actual business decision.

CORE Value	01	CORE VALUE	02	CORE VALUE	03
Example in action		Example in action		Example in action	
CORE Value	04	CORE VALUE	05	CORE VALUE	06
Example in action		Example in action		Example in action	

#### **CRAFT BEER, REBRANDED**

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PRODUCT

METHOD

PURPOSE



Define your product(s), method(s) and purpose. **Turn to page 115 in** *Craft Beer, Rebranded* for a refresher on this.



What do you create and sell? What's your core service?



#### METHOD(S)

Do you have a special process?

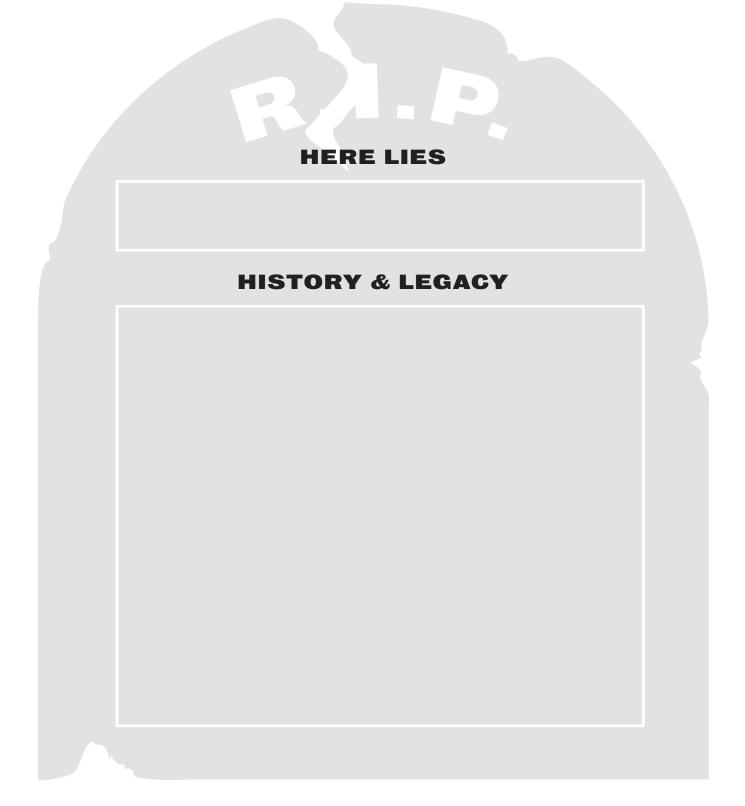
#### PURPOSE

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#### CODO

# **WHAT'S ON YOUR BREWERY'S TOMBSTONE?**

Imagine your brewery closes in 50 years. What would you want your company's obituary to say? What sort of mark did you make on your community? What's your legacy?



## MISSION

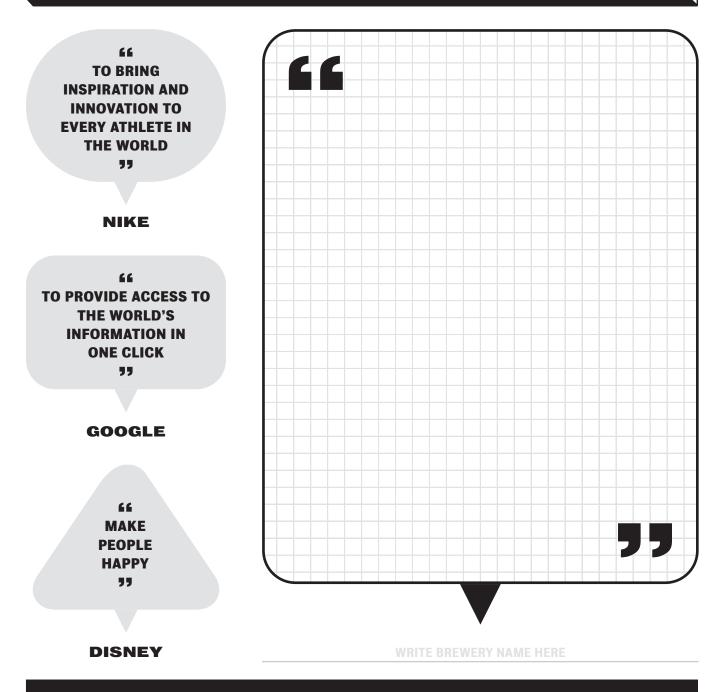
Your mission is your brewery's immediate, day-to-day marching orders. It tells the world who you are, what you do and why you matter.

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	(Be specific)									
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HAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LI	KE TO YOU?									
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# VISION

Your vision is big picture, aspirational and oriented toward the longer term. Where do you see your brewery in 20 years in terms of your place in the market, your reputation, products and services? How do you see your work impacting your customers' lives and your community?





What is the single, most compelling outcome of all your work? You're not just making and selling beer, you're providing your fans and community with something special. What is that *thing*?

# **AUDIENCE**

Create your customer personas. Grab or draw a picture of your ideal customer (these can be real or stock photos). Write about why they drink your beer. What's their favorite band, food, books and beer styles? What role do you play in their life?

### **PERSONA 01**

	NAME:			
	Age:	Hobbies / Interests:		Personal Values:
PICTURE	Gender:			
	Occupation:	Music / Books:		
	Location:			
Favorite Brands (Non-beer):	Favorite Breweri	es:	Favorite	e Beer Styles:



### **PERSONA 02**

	NAME:							
	Age:	Hobbies / Interests:		Personal Values:				
PICTURE	Gender:							
	Occupation:	Music / Books:						
	Location:							
Favorite Brands (Non-beer):	Favorite Breweri	es:	Favorite	Beer Styles:				

### HOW DOES YOUR BREWERY FIT INTO THIS PERSON'S EVERYDAY LIFE?

### **PERSONA 03**

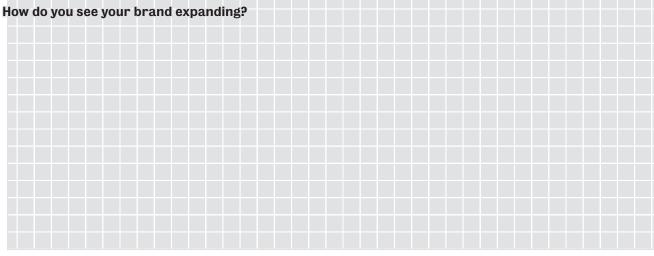
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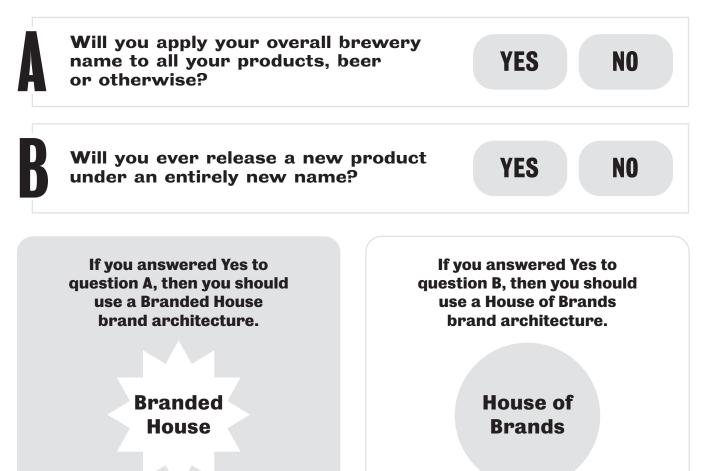
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# **BRAND ARCHITECTURE**

What possible line or brand extensions do you envision developing in foreseeable future? (e.g. hard seltzer, canned cocktail, cold brew coffee, a restaurant concept)

#### WHAT ARE YOU ENVISIONING?

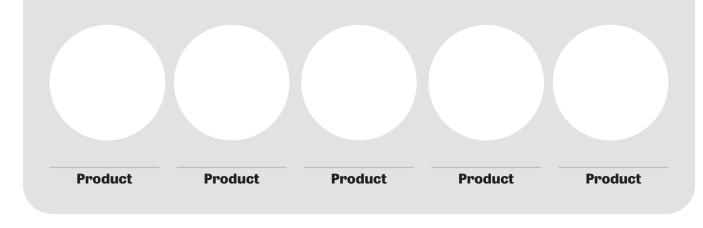




### BRANDED HOUSE

A Branded House architecture centers around a strong parent brand that lends its name to all of its products.

Parent Brand

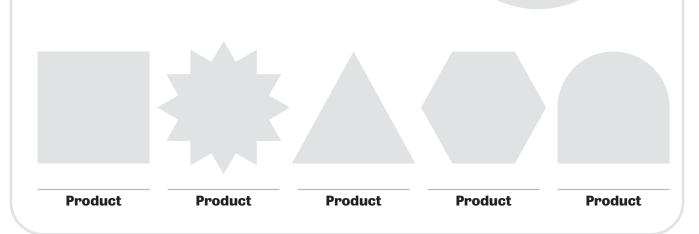


### HOUSE OF BRANDS

A House of Brands architecture features a less prominent parent brand (or one that falls to the background entirely) to enable individual brands to stand on their own without any direct ties to the parent brand.

YOUR BREWERY NAMI

Brewery



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# **DEFINE YOUR BREWERY'S TOUCH POINTS**

List out all your touch points. These are the places you come in contact with your customers, like your packaging, tap handles, and website.

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Touch points can include off-premise opportunities like shelf talkers or point-of-purchase displays.	

### **BRAND PERSONALITY DIALS**

Select where you fall on each of these spectrums. This can be from a visual, personality, or overall company presentation standpoint.

Friendly		Corporate
Light		Serious
Quiet		Loud
Simple		Complex
Necessity		Luxury
Economical		Expensive
Casual		Formal
Homemade		Precise
Heritage		Ground-breaking

Draw what celebrity and spirit animal best describes you. With your master piece drawn, think about common qualities they share.

CELEBRITY:	SPIRIT ANIMAL:	

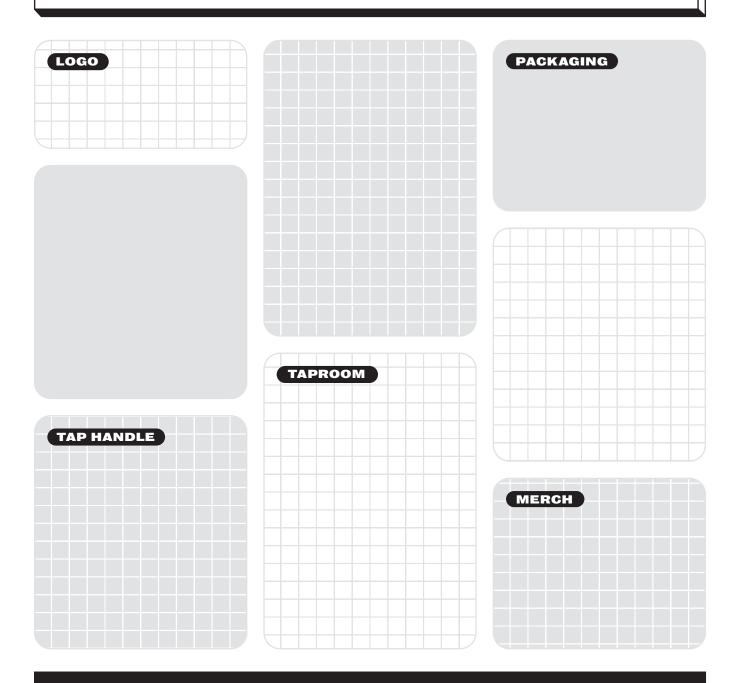
List the qualities they share



Use this as a team exercise. Have each member draw who and what best fits your brewery's brand.

# TIME FOR SOME VISUAL HOMEWORK

Build a collage of logos, packaging, textures, colors and typography that resonate with your team. Ideally, we'd cram everything onto this page (scrapbook style!), but there's not enough room here. Instead, you should do this on your computer with a Pinterest board—or by gathering everything in your Dropbox folder so you can share with your design team. Or build a presentation board, science fair style. Go nuts.



If you don't want to mess with Pinterest, you can throw all your images in your trusty Dropbox folder so you can easily share with your design team.

# **DEFINING YOUR BRAND ESSENCE**

Using this framework, list out your unique selling proposition, positioning, voice & personality, brand values, audience, emotional drivers and brand essence. **Review page 134 of** *Craft Beer, Rebranded* **for a refresher on this.** 

PRODUCT / BENEFITS	BRAND VALUES
Unique selling proposition (USP)	Immutable rules
POSITIONING       BRAND         What do you do /       for whom / and why?	ESSENCE CORE AUDIENCE Your most ardent fans
VISUAL STYLING, VOICE & PERSONALITY	<b>EMOTIONAL DRIVERS</b>
Look & feel	Role in your customers' lives and what it says about them
	to support your brewery's brand