



About Ryan Johnson

At Miller Brewing Company, Ryan Johnson's opportunity is to satisfy the growing food and beer pairing movement among beer and culinary connoisseurs and to drive the education of the overall beer category. The food and beverage industry rely on Johnson's expertise to augment their own. Additionally, Johnson, the U.S. Trade Brewer for Miller Brewing Company's International Brands Division, guides people through beer dinners, sensory evaluation and analysis tastings.

His love for beer started 15 years ago as a homebrewer. After college, where he studied the sciences, his passion for brewing led him to enroll at one of the most respected brewing laboratories, Siebel Institute of Technology. From there Johnson further honed his skills as a brewer for various breweries around the U.S. and managed several multi-million dollar fine-dining restaurants. Learning the discerning tastes of sophisticated consumers, he now brings his expertise to the International Brands Division of Miller Brewing Company to further expand the knowledge and passion for the beer category.

About Jerald O'Kennard

As the Director of the Beverage Testing Institute, Jerald O'Kennard is responsible for all of BTI's tasting and private consultation programs. O'Kennard came to BTI in the late 90's with extensive experience in food and beverage management. His keen sensory abilities and extensive experience have made him a respected voice in the beverage world. He has contributed to numerous publications including *All About Beer*, the *Chicago Tribune* and *Restaurant Hospitality* magazines, and consulted on many programs including CNBC television network, BusinessWeek TV, and BBC's Radio International.