

THE BEER DEMYSTIFIER *NEW YORK CITY FILES* 2009-2010

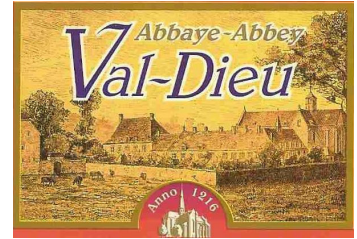
BREWERY PROFILE

Abbaye du Val-Dieu Aubel, Belgium

A brewery located on the farm of the 13th Century Cistercian Abbey of Val-Dieu. Brewing recommenced in 1997 (not by monks, but keeping to the abbey ale traditions).

Importer: [D & V International](#)

Distributor: Union Beer Distributors, tel. 1 718 497 2407.



Ratings

Each beer has been given a rating from one to five which should be interpreted as follows.

* Bland, one-dimensional, or tasting of cheap adjuncts – unenjoyable. Not recommended.

** Nothing special but may be worth trying if nothing better is available.

*** Good, recommended.

**** Great, highly recommended.

***** Exceptionally good, very highly recommended.

Ratings are based on personal taste although, in certain instances, outside evaluations have been used when a particular beer has not been sampled by the author/webmaster.

{S} after the beer name denotes seasonal availability.

Val-Dieu Blond (6.0%) ***** < - BELGIAN BLOND ALE - > – Pale gold beer, slightly grainy (not a criticism) with a hop and yeast spiciness.

Val-Dieu Bière de Noel {S} (7.0%) ***** < - BELGIAN TRIPEL - > – Festive amber ale with a fruity, spicy aroma and flavor.

Val-Dieu Brown (aka Brune) (8.0%) ***** < - BELGIAN DUBBEL - > – A complex reddish-brown beer, well balanced with malt and hops and hints of bitter chocolate and coffee.

Val-Dieu Triple (9.0%) ***** < - BELGIAN TRIPEL - > – Golden tripel, smooth on the palate. A little estery and phenolic, dangerously drinkable.

Val-Dieu Grand Cru (10.5%) ***** < - BELGIAN BARLEYWINE / QUAD - > – Very dark brown, rich, sweet and fruity quadruple. Full-bodied, vinous and chewy, this beer is recommended to be cellared for at least a year for its full mouthfeel potential.

Val-Dieu Winter {S} (10.5%) ***** < - BELGIAN DARK STRONG ALE - > – Dark red seasonal offering, port-like. Well-balanced with plenty of vine fruit character.

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