

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

Achelse Kluis
Hamont-Achel, Belgium

The smallest of the seven breweries worldwide with authentic Trappist approval. Monks first started brewing here in 1852, but ceased when the Germans invaded in World War I and scrapped the brewing vessels. Brewing restarted with new equipment in 1998.

Importer: [The Shelton Brothers](#)

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.

Achel 8° Blonde (8.0%) ***** < - BELGIAN TRIPEL - > – Lively golden ale with a little phenolic character.

Achel 8° Bruin (8.0%) ***** < - BELGIAN DUBBEL - > – Dark brown, fruity with a bit of spice.

Achelse Kluis (aka Trappist Extra) (9.5%) ***** < - BELGIAN DARK STRONG ALE - > – A very complex dark ale with a whole monastery full of flavors on the tongue.

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<http://www.beermenus.com/breweries/trappistenabdij-de-achelse-kluis>

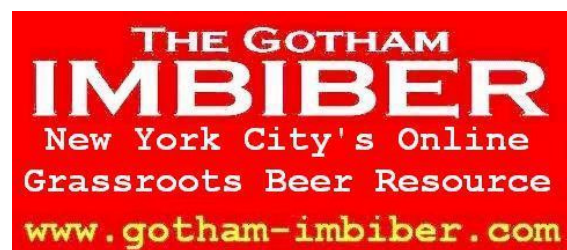
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