

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

## BREWERY PROFILE

### Achilles (Serafijn) Itegem, Belgium

*The tiny Brouwerij Achilles, founded in 1999, is wedged into a crowded garage on a quiet street in the small Flemish town of Itegem. Achiel (Achilles) Van de Moer is an unassuming homebrewer who has largely abandoned his career as a music teacher to pursue his dream of a self-sustaining commercial brewery. He brews honest, unfiltered and unpasteurized beers, and has formulated a unique way of achieving an even heating of the wort without the use of a direct flame or steam power – the wort is pumped through a spiral tube that is placed in a tub of hot water! This brewery is a welcome new addition to the American scene in Fall 2007.*



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.

**Serafijn Celtic Angel** (6.2%) \*\*\* < - BELGIAN DARK ALE - > – Deep copper colored, complex ale with dark fruit notes. A hybrid Irish-style ale fermented with Belgian yeast. Interesting.

**Serafijn Donker** (8.0%) \*\*\* < - BELGIAN DARK STRONG ALE - > – Mid-brown beer with a soft bitterness and mild herbal and spice notes.

**Serafijn Tripel** (8.0%) \*\*\*\*\* < - BELGIAN TRIPEL - > – Hazy golden tripel, mildly spiced, quite highly carbonated and a little fruity.

**Serafijn Grand Cru** (9.0%) \*\*\* < - BELGIAN GOLDEN STRONG ALE - > – Amber-colored strong ale with hints of apple, sugar, and caramel.

**Serafijn Christmas Angel (aka Kerstlicht)** {S} (7.9%) \*\*\* < - BELGIAN GOLDEN STRONG ALE - > – Hazy orange-amber festive ale with a spicy aroma, medium body, and residual sweetness and spices.

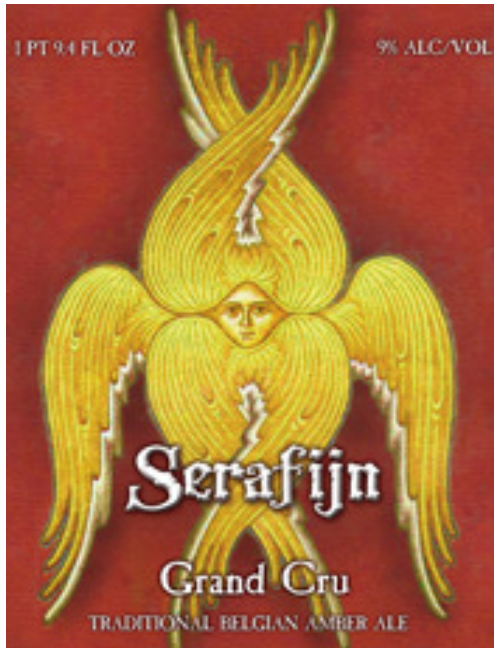
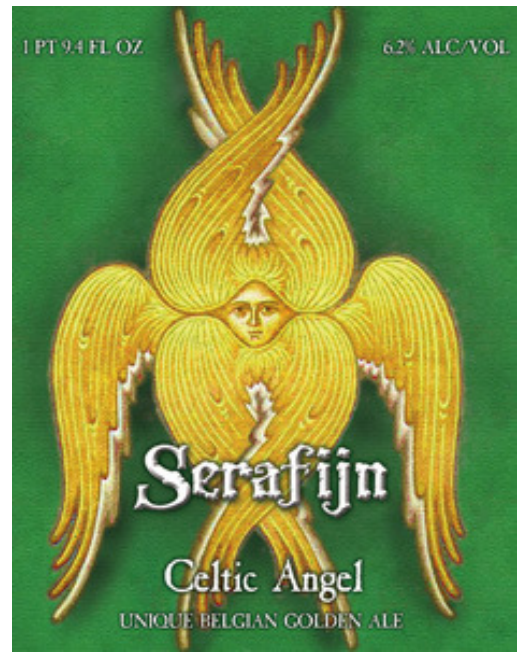
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