

Alaskan Brewing Co.

Type: Domestic Craft Brewery

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Available in cask? – No.

Available in keg? – No.

Available in bottle or can? – By special arrangement.

Distributor: None at present.

Who's who: Owners – Marcy and Geoff Larson.

Notes: The first new wave craft brewery in Alaska, founded in 1986. Beers are very hard to find.

Distance to the brewery from New York City: 3874 miles.

ESB (5.0%) ***** E15 – Copper colored with a pleasant maltiness and a little roast character.

Pale (5.2%) ***** A13 – A clean, golden ale with hints of citrus.

Amber (5.3%) ***** D25 – Copper colored with malt prominent, smooth and quite rich.

Summer Ale {S} (5.3%) ***** D13 – Refreshing beer brewed with German malts and Hallertauer hops.

Stout (5.7%) ***** E23 – Smooth, black ale, quite easy on the palate.

IPA (6.2%) *** A26 – Floral, deep amber beer, quite moderate for the style.

Winter Ale {S} (6.4%) *** E25 – Golden ale with sweet malt notes and a piney aroma.

Smoked Porter (6.5%) ***** A21/Q42 – A deliciously smoky black beer, highly sought after.

Barley Wine Ale (10.4%) ***** A29 – Award winning strong ale, dark brown and very complex with flavors of dark fruit and hops melding nicely.



SEE BELOW FOR BEER STYLE CODE DESCRIPTIONS

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 and tasting notes are taken from Beer Demystifier New York City 2008-2009 by Alex Hall (published June 2008).

- {S} after the beer name denotes seasonal availability.



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BEER STYLE CODES – EASY REFERENCE TABLE

Codes read as letter – number, the letter insinuating the country where the style is most appropriate to (A – America / Any, B – Belgium, C – Czech Republic, D – Germany, E – England, F – France, I – Ireland, J – Japan, S – Scotland. Also, Q – no specific country). Styles with identical numbers but different country codes should not be presumed to be similar to each other (they are often wildly different), but just roughly equivalent on a historical or comparable level.

Not sure what some of these are like? Here's an instant rough style guide...

Bitterness scale: † = Very low bitterness. †† = Fairly low bitterness. ††† = Medium bitterness. †††† = Fairly high bitterness. ††††† = Very high bitterness.

Color scale: Ø = Pale yellow. ØØ = Gold or pale amber. ØØØ = Deep amber or light to mid brown. ØØØØ = Deep brown or dark red. ØØØØØ = Black

1-10 - LAGER STYLES

Q0 Low Alcohol Beer (<2.0% ABV)

A1 Light Lager †Ø
D1 Munich Helles ††Ø

A2 Standard Lager †Ø
D2 Dortmunder Export ††Ø

A3 Premium Lager ††Ø
D3 Maibock / Helles Bock ††Ø

A4 Classic American Pilsner †††Ø
C4 Bohemian Pilsener †††Ø
D4 German Pilsener †††Ø
J4 Japanese Rice Lager ††Ø

A5 California Common Beer †††ØØ
C5 Vienna Lager ††ØØ
D5 Oktoberfest / Märzen ††ØØ

A6 Dark American or Euro Lager †ØØØ
D6 Munich Dunkel ††ØØØ

D7 Schwarzbier ††ØØØØ
R7 Baltic Porter (known to have been brewed with lager yeast) †††ØØØØ

A8 Amber Lager / Red Lager ††ØØ
D8 Traditional Bock ††ØØØ

A9 American Imperial Pilsner ††††ØØ
D9 Doppelbock / Eisbock †††ØØØ

D10 Keller Bier ††ØØØ

11-40 - ALE STYLES

A11 Cream Ale ††Ø
E11 Light Mild ††ØØ
S11 Scottish Light 60/- ††ØØ

A12 American Brown Ale ††ØØØ
B12 Belgian Dark Ale ††ØØØ
E12 English Brown Ale ††ØØØ

A13 Blonde Ale (not Belgian) ††Ø
B13 Belgian Pale Ale ††ØØ
D13 Kölsch ††Ø
E13 Standard Bitter †††ØØ
I13 Irish Red Ale ††ØØ
S13 Scottish Heavy 70/- ††ØØ

A14 American Pale Ale †††ØØ
B14 Saison †††ØØ
E14 Best Bitter †††ØØ
F14 Bière de Garde ††ØØ
S14 Scottish Export 80/- ††ØØ

A15 American Amber Ale †††ØØ
B15 Belgian Blond Ale ††Ø
E15 Extra Special Bitter (ESB) / English Pale Ale †††ØØ
S15 Wee Heavy Strong Scotch ††ØØØ

B16 Belgian Dubbel ††ØØ

B17 Belgian Tripel †††Ø

B18 Belgian Dark Strong Ale ††ØØØ

A19 American Strong Ale †††ØØØ
B19 Belgian Golden Strong Ale †††Ø
E19 English Strong Ale †††ØØØ

E20 Dark Mild ††ØØØ

A21 Robust Porter †††ØØØØ
E21 Brown Porter †††ØØØØ
R21 Baltic Porter †††ØØØØ

A22 American Stout ††††ØØØØØ
B22 Belgian Stout †††ØØØØØ
E22 Sweet Stout / Milk Stout †††ØØØØØ
I22 Dry Stout †††ØØØØØ

E23 Oatmeal Stout †††ØØØØØ

E24 Foreign Extra Stout ††††ØØØØØ

D25 Altbier or Sticke †††ØØ
E25 Old Ale / Winter Warmer ††††ØØØ

A26 American IPA ††††ØØ
B26 Belgian IPA ††††ØØ
E26 English IPA ††††ØØ
J26 Japanese IPA (cedar aged) ††††ØØ

A27 Imperial / Double IPA †††††ØØ

A28 American Double Stout ††††ØØØØØ
E28 Russian Imperial Stout ††††ØØØØØ

A29 American Barleywine †††††ØØØ
B29 Belgian Barleywine/Quad ††††ØØØ
E29 English Barleywine ††††ØØØ

A30 American Rye Beer ††Ø
D30 German Roggenbier ††ØØØ

A31 American Pale Wheat Ale †Ø
B31 Witbier ††Ø
D31 Weissbier / Hefeweizen †Ø
E31 English Pale Wheat Ale ††Ø

A32 American Dark Wheat Ale †ØØØ
D32 Dunkelweizen †ØØØ

A33 American Wheat Wine †††ØØØ
D33 Weizenbock ††ØØØ

D34 Berliner Weisse (sour)

B35 Flanders Red Ale (sour)

B36 Flanders Oud Bruin (sour)

B37 Unblended Lambic (sour)
Q37 Other spontaneously fermented ale (Wild Ale) (sour)

B38 Gueuze (sour)

B39 Fruit Lambic (sour)

B40 Bière de Champagne / Bière Brut

41-45 - MISCELLANEOUS

Q41 Fruit Beer (other than Lambic)

D42 Rauchbier (Smoked Märzen) ††ØØØ
Q42 Other Smoked Beer

A43 Pumpkin Beer ††ØØ
Q43 Other Herb, Spice, or Vegetable Beer

Q44 Wood-Aged Beer

Q45 Other Specialty Beer