

Bear Republic Brewing Co.

Type: Domestic Craft Brewery

345 Healdsburg Avenue, Healdsburg, CA 95448.

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Available in cask? – Not locally.

Available in keg? – Yes.

Available in bottle or can? – Yes.

Distributor: S.K.I. Beer Corporation, tel. 1 718 821 7200.

Who's who: President – Richard R. Norgrove; Brewmaster – Richard G. Norgrove.

Notes: Family-run microbrewery that brews high quality ales and has won many awards.

Distance to the brewery from New York City: 2969 miles.

XP Pale Ale (5.4%) ***** A14 – 'Exceptional Pale'. Fairly light-bodied and moderately hopped with Cascade and Centennial varieties.

Pete Brown's Tribute Ale (6.3%) ***** A12 – Dark mahogany-colored ale, the mouthfeel of which is boosted by notes of molasses and brown sugar. Earned a gold medal at the 2004 Great American Beer Festival.

Red Rocket Ale (6.8%) ***** S15 – Centennial and Cascade hops are in this complex brew.

Racer 5 (7.0%) ***** A26 – Award-winning IPA, hopped with Columbus and Cascade.

Hop Rod Rye (7.5%) ***** A26 – With rye comprising 20% of the grist, this is hoppy and assertive.

Big Bear Black Stout (8.1%) ***** E28 – Bold Russian Imperial Stout, hopped with Chinook and Cascade but with a caramel and molasses sweetness balancing on the palate.

Racer X (9.0%) ***** A27 – Assertive Double IPA with a massive pine and citrus clout.



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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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