

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

**Black Sheep**  
**Masham, U.K. (England)**

*Founded in 1992 in a former maltings by Paul Theakston of the Theakston (q.v.) brewing family.*

Importer: [Eurobrew](#)

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



## 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.

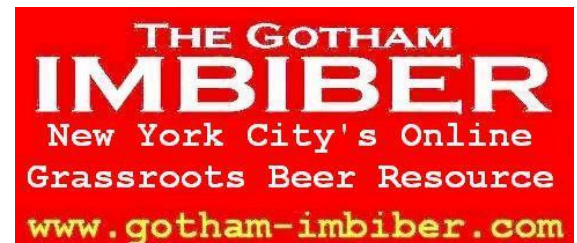
**Black Sheep Ale** (4.4%) \*\*\*\*\* < - ENGLISH BEST BITTER - > – Pale golden bitter, quite malty and clean-drinking.

**Monty Python's Holy Grail** (4.7%) \*\*\* < - ENGLISH BEST BITTER - > – “Tempered over burning witches”. Pleasant amber ale, though it can be a little astringent.

**Riggwelter** (5.7%) \*\*\*\*\* < - ENGLISH STRONG ALE - > – Dark chestnut-colored, this is quite a complex beer with an earthy aspect and an aroma of bananas. Goldings hops are used in the brew. A 'riggwelter' is Yorkshire dialect for a sheep which has fallen over and is unable to stand up.

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