

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

## BREWERY PROFILE

### BrewDog

#### Fraserburgh, U.K. (Scotland)

*Founded in 2007, Brewdog is highly innovative and committed to producing the best beers possible, including styles highly unusual for a Scottish brewery.*



Importer: [Preiss Imports](#)

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.

**The Physics** (5.0%) \*\*\*\*\* < - EXTRA SPECIAL BITTER (ESB) - > – A golden-amber, sweetish ale that is easy to drink. Hints of biscuit and fruit.

**Punk IPA** (6.0%) \*\*\*\*\* < - ENGLISH IPA - > – “Post Modern Classic Pale Ale”, golden with notes of tropical fruits and a touch of pepper.

**Dogma (aka Speed Ball)** (7.8%) \*\*\*\*\* < - HERB, SPICE, OR VEGETABLE BEER - > – Brewed with guarana, Californian poppy, kola nut and Scottish heather honey. The aroma hints towards citrus and honey, while on the palate hops and sweet malt mingle nicely leading to a long, balanced finish.

**Atlantic IPA {S}** (8.0%) (no rating yet) < - ENGLISH IPA - > / < - WOOD-AGED BEER - > – Based on a 210 year old recipe, loaded with classic English hops such as East Kent Goldings and Bramling Cross; 90 IBUs. Then aged for 2 months in oak at sea.

**Rip Tide** (8.0%) \*\*\*\*\* < - RUSSIAN IMPERIAL STOUT - > – Very dark brown with a moderate roastiness and chocolate prominent on the palate. Chestnut and caramel are on the aroma.

**Storm** (8.0%) \*\* < - IMPERIAL / DOUBLE IPA - > / < - WOOD-AGED BEER - > – A bizarre, distinctive Islay barrel aged golden ale which is a ‘love it or hate it’ brew. The strong aroma is of peat, smoke, and even seaweed, while on the palate there’s astringent peat, tobacco, smoke, and an implied toxicity.

**Hardcore IPA** (9.0%) \*\*\*\*\* < - IMPERIAL / DOUBLE IPA - > – A golden, citrusy beer which has just had a significant recipe change (from batch 037). There’s a nutty, doughy aroma and a hoppy, resinous flavor.

**Paradox Isle of Arran** (10.0%) \*\*\*\*\* < - RUSSIAN IMPERIAL STOUT - > / < - WOOD-AGED BEER - > – Black, peaty, with chocolate, roasted malt, vanilla, cinnamon, plus hints of whisky on the palate. Look for the batch number as they are all slightly different in features.

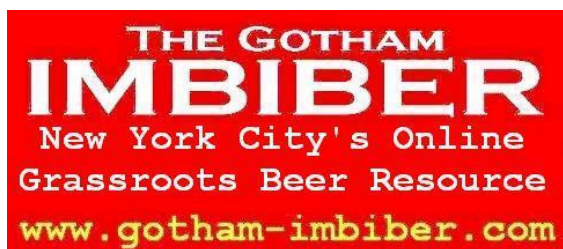
**Paradox Speyside** (10.0%) \*\*\*\*\* < - RUSSIAN IMPERIAL STOUT - > / < - WOOD-AGED BEER - > – As for the Isle of Arran but with noticeable differences. Matured in Glen Moray 1992 barrels. Look for the batch number as they are all slightly different in features.

**Devine Rebel {S}** (12.5%) \* \* \* \* < - ENGLISH BARLEYWINE - > – A collaboration brew with Mikkeller. Fruity, amber, strong ale that is likely to mellow with time. A quarter of the batch was aged in Speyside barrels.

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