

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

## BREWERY PROFILE

### Contreras Gavere, Belgium

[Some beers are contract brewed at de Proef]

*Brouwerij Contreras is a small regional brewery in East Flanders, in operation since 1818. Originally Brouwerij Latte, the farmhouse brewery was bought by the Contreras family in 1898 and they've run it ever since. Until recently, the brewery produced a couple of ales primarily for their own family-owned cafes. Brewmaster Frederick De Vrieze introduced his Valeir line of beers in 2004, named after a legendary local warrior who fought in the battle of Gavere in 1453. Coincidentally, Valere Latte was the brewery's original founder.*



Importer: [12 Per Cent Imports](#)

Distributor:

### 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.

**Valeir Blond** (6.5%) \*\*\*\*\* < - BELGIAN PALE ALE - > – There's a hoppy, lemony aroma to this pale ale, on the palate it's delicately fruity with a fairly long, moderately bitter finish.

**Valeir Donker** (6.5%) \*\*\*\*\* < - BELGIAN DARK ALE - > – A dark ruby red ale with a fruity aroma and sweet malt, figs, toffee, and a hint of tropical fruit. Formerly known as 'Carlos'.

**Valeir Divers** (8.5%) \*\*\*\*\* < - BELGIAN TRIPEL - > – Golden tripel with an earthy, floral nose. On the palate there are notes of bubblegum, pepper, grass, and spices. Quite dry and very drinkable.

**Valeir Extra** (6.5%) \*\*\*\*\* < - BELGIAN IPA - > – A citrusy aroma predictably leads to orange and floral, spicy hops on the palate.

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<http://www.beermenus.com/breweries/brouwerij-contreras>

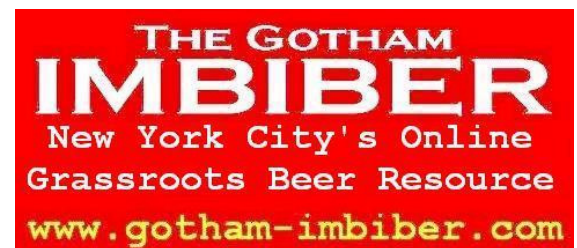
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