

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

BREWERY PROFILE

Cricket Hill Brewing Co.

Type: Domestic Craft Brewery

24 Kulick Road, Fairfield, NJ 07004. Tel. 1 973 276 9415.

Available in cask? – By special request.

Available in keg? – Yes.

Available in bottle or can? – Yes.

Distributor: Big Blue Beer Distributors, tel. 1 718 387 4416/4584.

Who's who: Brewmaster – Rick Reed.

Notes: Small central New Jersey brewer of quality beers.

Distance to the brewery from New York City: 23 miles.



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.

East Coast Lager (3.4%) *** < - AMBER LAGER / RED LAGER - > – Easy drinking golden all-malt lager with a good balance of crisp malt flavors and delicate flowery hop finish.

Paymaster's Porter {S} (4.5%) (no rating yet) < - ROBUST PORTER - > – An occasional dark ale brewed in spring.

American Ale (5.5%) *** < - AMERICAN PALE ALE - > – Nice, solid American Pale Ale with fresh hop character and some caramel sweetness. There's citrus and rock candy in the pleasant aroma.

Jersey Summer Breakfast {S} (6.0% estimated) **** < - BELGIAN PALE ALE - > – Golden Belgian-style pale ale, easy drinking with wheat notes.

Hopnotic IPA (6.7%) *** < - ENGLISH IPA - > – Golden English-style IPA with a balanced hop profile. Hopped with Ahtanum.

Colonel Blide's Altbier (7.0%) **** < - ALTBIER / STICKE - > – A clean, amber ale with hints of lemon and sweet malts and some biscuit notes together with hops. Floral aroma. Especially good when cask-conditioned.

Maibock {S} (7.1%) **** < - MAIBOCK / HELLES BOCK - > – Rare and tasty golden lager, dry and a little bready.

- **Occasional and commemorative beers:**

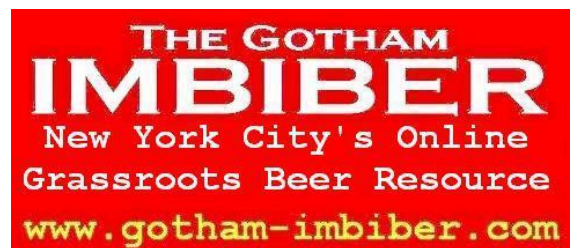
Barrel Aged Colonel Blide's (7.0%) **** < - ALTBIER / STICKE - > / < - WOOD-AGED BEER - > – Wood-aged altbier, to be savored.

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<http://www.beermenus.com/breweries/cricket-hill-brewing-co->

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

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