

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

Defiant Brewing Co.



Type: Domestic Craft Brewery

6e Dexter Plaza, Pearl River, NY 10965.

Tel. 1 845 920 8602.

Available in cask? – Yes.

Available in keg? – Yes.

Available in bottle or can? – Certain commemorative beers only.

Distributor: Union Beer Distributors, tel. 1 718 497 2407.

Who's who: President and Brewmaster – Neill Acer.

Notes: Founded 2006 by renowned brewmaster Neill Acer, the beers change frequently so look out for new offerings. There are also exclusive brews not listed here made available only to members of Defiant's beer club. Open to the public noon-10pm Mondays to Thursdays, noon to midnight Fridays and Saturdays, noon to 8pm Sundays. The brewery is located immediately opposite Pearl River railway station (New Jersey Transit).

Planned beer: **Death Stout(!)**.

Distance to the brewery from New York City: 29 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.

Pilsener {S} (4.8%) *** < - BOHEMIAN PILSNER - > – Crisp and clean, apparently hopped exclusively with Saaz.

Little Thumper {S} (5.0%) **** < - ENGLISH PALE ALE - > – A malty, English-style pale ale with citrus hop character. The recipe is variable.

Fresh Cone Pale Ale {S} (5.0%) (no rating yet) < - AMERICAN PALE ALE - > – Dry hopped with whole cone Cascade.

Muddy Creek Lager (aka Pearl River Lager) (5.5%) **** < - AMBER LAGER / RED LAGER - > – Amber and malty with toffee and fruit aspects. The original name for Pearl River was Muddy Creek.

The Horseman's Ale {S} (5.2%) **** < - PUMPKIN BEER - > – A very well-crafted pumpkin ale for the autumn.

Harvest Pale Ale {S} (5.4%) **** < - AMERICAN PALE ALE - > – A pale brew hopped with freshly picked, locally grown East Kent Goldings, Cascade, and Saaz. Fresh and lemony.

O'Defiant Stout {S} (5.5%) **** < - DRY STOUT - > – Quite light on the palate but with complex roasted notes, chocolate, and coffee aspects.

Brandy's Brown {S} (5.6% estimated) (no rating yet) (blend of more than one beer)

Pale Ale {S} (5.6%) *** < - AMERICAN PALE ALE - > – Hazy amber with some muted citrus notes.

Big Thumper {S} (5.8%) * * * * < - EXTRA SPECIAL BITTER (ESB) - > - A bold, malty, fruity ESB.

Porter {S} (5.8%) * * * * < - ROBUST PORTER - > - Dark beer with coffee and figs on the palate.

Abominable Snowbeer {S} (6.0%) (no rating yet) < - BELGIAN WITBIER - > - A fruity witbier with orange, pepper, and honey notes.

Maibock {S} (6.0% estimated) * * * * < - BELGIAN GOLDEN STRONG ALE - > - Spring seasonal, smooth and malty with hints of fruit and honey.

Three Fingers India Pale Ale {S} (6.2%) * * * * < - AMERICAN IPA - > - This is a complex IPA, big on hop, biscuit, and grapefruit notes.

Farmhouse Ale {S} (6.5%) * * * * < - SAISON - > - Grassy with citrus and pepper, quite yeasty and well crafted.

Flemish Cherry {S} (6.8%) (no rating yet) < - FLANDERS RED ALE (SOUR) - > - Fairly dark beer with a moderately fruity tartness, refreshing and not overpoweringly sour. Aged 8 months.

Highland Porter {S} (6.8%) * * * * < - ROBUST PORTER - > - Peaty, dark brown ale.

ESB {S} (6.9%) * * * * < - EXTRA SPECIAL BITTER (ESB) - > - A well-balanced ESB, smooth and a little nutty.

Abbey Single {S} (7.0%) (no rating yet) < - BELGIAN PALE ALE - > - Reddish beer with a mild fruitiness.

Inspiration Ale {S} (7.4%) * * * * < - BELGIAN DUBBEL - > - Complex Belgian-style dubbel with notes of cloves, and candi sugar.

Double IPA {S} (8.0%) (no rating yet) < - BELGIAN IPA - > - An unusual hybrid, citrusy and yeasty. Dry hopped with Cascade.

Christmas Ale {S} (8.4%) * * * * < - BELGIAN DARK STRONG ALE - > - Spices for the holidays.

Tripel #3 {S} (8.9%) * * * * < - BELGIAN TRIPEL - > - Golden, grassy, full-bodied, slightly spiced tripel. Dangerously drinkable.

- **Occasional and commemorative beers:**

Stephano's Stout 2007 (6.0%) * * * * < - AMERICAN STOUT - > - 'Four Horsemen' series #1. Smooth and malty.

Raspberry (6.5%) (no rating yet) < - FRUIT BEER - > - A tart, sour fruit beer fermented with three yeast strains.

Stout of War 2007 (6.5%) * * * * < - AMERICAN STOUT - > - 'Four Horsemen' series #2. Earthy with gentle roast notes.

Pestilence Stout (7.0%) * * * * < - AMERICAN STOUT - > - 'Four Horsemen' series #3. Hoppy for the style.

Vunder Bock (7.0% estimated) * * * * < - TRADITIONAL / DUNKLER BOCK - > - Malty and satisfying.

2007 Resolution #1 (7.4%) * * * * < - BELGIAN GOLDEN STRONG ALE - > - Belgian strong pale ale, available in 750ml bottles.

Golden Ale (8.0%) * * * * < - BELGIAN GOLDEN STRONG ALE - > - A tart Belgian-style brew.

Stephano's Stout 2008 (8.5%) (no rating yet) < - RUSSIAN IMPERIAL STOUT - > - Now an imperial for 2008.

Stout of War 2008 (9.0%) (no rating yet) < - RUSSIAN IMPERIAL STOUT - > - Now an imperial for 2008. Brewed with smoked malt for a peaty, smouldering character, "like the aftermath of a giant battle".

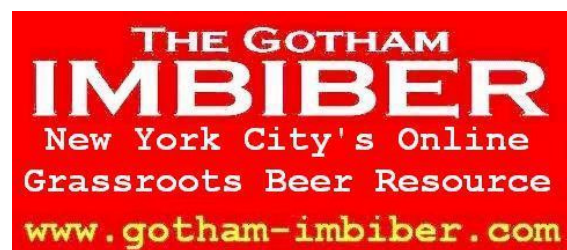
Contessa Grand Cru (10.0%) (no rating yet) < - BELGIAN GOLDEN STRONG ALE - > - A big beer aged for 18 months; lemongrass and citrus notes.

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<http://www.beermenus.com/breweries/defiant-brewing-company>

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

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