

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

BREWERY PROFILE

Elysian Brewing Co.

Type: Domestic Craft Brewery

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

Who's who: President & Brewmaster – Dick Cantwell.

Notes: A large west coast brewpub, founded in 1996.

Distance to the brewery from New York City: 2860 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.

Loki Lager {S} (4.7%) (no rating yet) < - DORTMUNDER EXPORT LAGER - > – A high quality session lager, smooth and crisp.

Zephyrus Pilsner (4.7%) *** < - GERMAN PILSNER - > – A pleasant, crisp lager.

Elysian Fields Pale Ale (4.8% estimated) **** < - AMERICAN PALE ALE - > – Simcoe hops for bittering and finishing, the latter with some Amarillo, provide a solid, well balanced session ale.

Perseus Porter (5.4%) **** < - ROBUST PORTER - > – Dark and slightly smoky, hopped with Centennial and finished with Northern Brewer.

Avatar Jasmine IPA {S} (5.6%) (no rating yet) < - AMERICAN IPA - > – An interesting summer beer with a floral aroma and a distinctive flowery, hoppy taste. Brewed with dried jasmine flowers added to the boil and in the hopback, hopped with Chinook and finished with Glacier and Amarillo.

Saison Elysée {S} (5.8%) (no rating yet) < - SAISON - > – Zesty and fruity with a yeasty finish and a hint of cumin spiciness. Hopped with Magnum for bitterness and Saaz for aroma.

The Wise ESB (5.9%) **** < - EXTRA SPECIAL BITTER (ESB) - > – Golden, toasty, orangey copper ale named after the goddess Athena, hopped with Chinook for bittering, finished with Cascade and Centennial.

Ambrosia Maibock {S} (6.1%) (no rating yet) < - MAIBOCK / HELLES BOCK - > – A full-bodied amber spring brew.

Night Owl Pumpkin Ale {S} (6.1%) (no rating yet) < - PUMPKIN BEER - > – Brewed with 150 lbs of pumpkin in each batch. Spicy deep orange-amber ale with notes of nutmeg, clove, cinnamon, ginger, and allspice. Hopped with Horizon.

The Immortal IPA (6.3%) **** < - AMERICAN IPA - > – Pale and hoppy, named for Zeus. Bittered with Chinook, with Amarillo and Centennial as finishing hops.

Pandora's Bock {S} (6.4%) (no rating yet) < - TRADITIONAL / DUNKLER BOCK - > – Very dark brown with notes of sweet malt and coffee. A winter release.

Bête Blanche {S} (6.9%) (no rating yet) < - BELGIAN TRIPEL - > – Brewed with 100% pale malt with Belgian candi sugar in the boil, hopped with German Northern Brewer plus Styrian Goldings at the finish. A smooth, dry summer release.

Dragonstooth Stout (7.2%) * * * * * < - AMERICAN DOUBLE STOUT - > – A velvety smooth stout, malty and chocolatey. Hopped with Magnum, with finishing hops Cascade and Centennial.

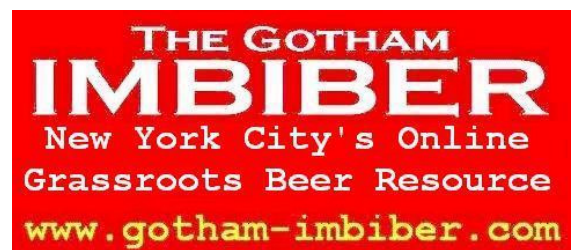
Bifröst Winter Ale {S} (7.5%) (no rating yet) < - AMERICAN STRONG ALE - > – Strong amber ale hopped with Centennial, quite big on the malt.

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

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