

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

BREWERY PROFILE

Fuller's

London, U.K. (England)

[Prior to March 2006, Gale's was independently brewed]

Fuller, Smith, and Turner (to give the company its full name) brew in the west London suburb of Chiswick, their site is historically known as the Griffin brewery and has been producing quality beer for over 350 years. In 2005, Fuller's bought the self-destructing Gale's of Horndean, brewing their main brands at Chiswick (with Gale's yeast strain) and using the closed Gale's Brewery site for distribution. *Beware of Fuller's beers on what appears to be a cask handpump in a few locations – their importer confusingly installed several fake pumps around the city (at The Pound & Pence and Iona, possibly others) which serve processed keg beer, these simulate the pulling action of a genuine cask beer engine.*



Importer: [Distinguished Brands International](#)

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.

London Pride (4.1% and 4.7% versions) *** < - ENGLISH BEST BITTER - > – Fullers' flagship beer is a fairly complex, well-balanced combination of malt sweetness and Target, Challenger and Northdown hoppiness.

India Pale Ale (4.8%) *** < - ENGLISH IPA - > – Fairly low in strength for an authentic IPA, this amber brew incorporates plenty of spicy Golding hop goodness together with a little earthiness.

ESB (5.5% and 5.9% versions) **** < - EXTRA SPECIAL BITTER (ESB) - > – The benchmark ESB, reddish-brown and full-bodied with plenty of malt and balancing Target, Challenger, Northdown and Goldings hops.

London Porter (5.7%) ***** < - ROBUST PORTER - > – A solid, deep-brown, creamy ale brewed with brown, crystal and chocolate malts. Hopped with Fuggles. Outstandingly good.

1845 (6.3%) ***** < - ENGLISH BARLEYWINE - > – Bottle conditioned, rich, strong, dark amber ale with fruit prominent in the aroma and flavor. Brewed with Pipkin, Maris Otter, and Halcyon pale malts, plus crystal and amber malts, hopped with Goldings hops. Winner of CAMRA's Champion Bottle Conditioned Beer of Britain (1998-1999).

Vintage Ale (8.5%) ***** < - OLD ALE / WINTER WARMER - > – A classic British bottle-conditioned strong golden ale, year dated. Each vintage is a blend of that year's finest malt and hops (the varieties differ from year to year) creating a distinguished limited edition brew annually. Despite having a sell-by date, it is recommended to cellar this beer for up to a decade – or even longer.

Gale's Prize Old Ale (9.0%) * * * * < - OLD ALE / WINTER WARMER - > – 2007 vintages onwards will be from Fuller's. See the entry under Gale's for details.

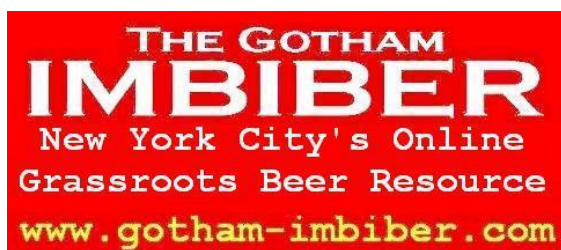
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