

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

BREWERY PROFILE

Goose Island Beer Company

Type: Regional Brewery

[Affiliated with a subsidiary of Anheuser-Busch InBev for distribution]

1800 West Fulton Street, Chicago, IL 60612.

Tel. 1 312 226 1119.

Available in cask? – Not locally.

Available in keg? – Yes.

Available in bottle or can? – Yes.

Distributor: Anheuser-Busch / Union Beer Distributors, tel. 1 718 497 2407.

Who's who: President – John Hall; Brewmaster – Greg Hall.

Notes: Founded in 1988 as a Chicago brewpub, Goose Island has expanded vastly since its humble beginnings.

Distance to the brewery from New York City: 825 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.

312 Urban Wheat Ale (4.2%) *** < - AMERICAN PALE WHEAT ALE - > – Pale yellow and refreshing.

Honkers Ale (4.3%) *** < - ENGLISH BEST BITTER - > – A quaffable copper-colored brew.

Kilgubbin Red Ale {S} (4.5%) *** < - IRISH RED ALE - > – Reddish-brown ale brewed with roasted barley and chocolate malts giving it a rich ruby color. A touch of malted rye gives it a spicy finish. Spring availability.

Oatmeal Stout (5.0%) **** < - OATMEAL STOUT - > – Deep ruby with coffee and roast notes. Bottled only.

Summertime {S} (5.0%) *** < - KÖLSCH - > – Golden kölsch with a lightly fruity aroma. Clean tasting.

Nut Brown Ale (5.2%) *** < - ENGLISH BROWN ALE - > – Pleasant beer with subtle notes of chocolate and honey.

Oktoberfest {S} (5.4%) *** < - OKTOBERFEST / MÄRZEN - > – A malty märzen with some caramel notes present.

Christmas Ale {S} (5.6%) **** < - OLD ALE / WINTER WARMER - > – Caramelly and warming with a hint of spices.

India Pale Ale (5.9%) **** < - AMERICAN IPA - > – Pale and quite hoppy American IPA.

- **Occasional and commemorative beers:**

Demolition (8.0%) **** < - BELGIAN GOLDEN STRONG ALE - > – Belgian strong pale ale brewed with Saaz and Styrian Golding hops for a grassy, citrus aroma and lots of the finest pale malt for a 'honey' malt flavor.

Matilda (8.0%) * * * * < - BELGIAN GOLDEN STRONG ALE - > – Dry and silky with a very complex malt, fruit, and spice taste combination.

Imperial IPA (9.0%) * * * * * < - IMPERIAL / DOUBLE IPA - > – Well-balanced – lots of hops but the malt keeps up admirably.

Pere Jacques (9.0%) * * * * < - BELGIAN DUBBEL - > – A Belgian-style dubbel, brewed with loads of malt and Belgian yeast for a wonderfully complex, fruity, malty, slightly phenolic ale.

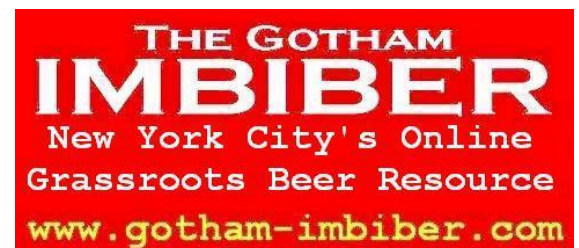
Bourbon County Stout (11.0%) * * * * * < - AMERICAN DOUBLE STOUT - > / < - WOOD-AGED BEER - > – Rich, black American double stout aged in bourbon barrels. Dark chocolate and oak prevail on the palate, leading up to a long, spectacular finish.

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<http://www.beermenus.com/breweries/goose-island-beer-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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