

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

Great Divide Brewing Co.

Type: Domestic Craft Brewery

2201 Arapahoe Street, Denver, CO 80205.

Tel. 1 303 296 9460.

Available in cask? – No.

Available in keg? – Yes.

Available in bottle or can? – Yes.

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

Who's who: Owners/brewmasters – Brian and Tara Dunn.

Notes: Brewing since the mid-'90s, Great Divide is a small brewery with a lot of big beers.

Distance to the brewery from New York City: 1796 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.

HotShot ESB (5.0%) *** < - EXTRA SPECIAL BITTER (ESB) - > – Amber and well-balanced, with a nice grassy hoppiness.

Samurai (5.1%) *** < - BLONDE ALE - > – Unfiltered beer brewed with rice.

Denver Pale Ale (aka DPA) (5.4%) *** < - ENGLISH PALE ALE - > – Hopy, copper-hued English-style pale ale.

Ridgeline Amber Ale (5.4%) *** < - SCOTTISH EXPORT 80/- - > – Scottish-style with an estery aroma and nutty taste.

Wild Raspberry Ale (5.6%) *** < - FRUIT BEER - > – Effervescent, ruby red ale that achieves a balance between malted barley and tart raspberry fruitiness. Made with red and black raspberries in the fermenter.

Saint Bridget's Porter (5.9%) *** < - BROWN PORTER - > – Brown porter with coffee and chocolate notes.

Fresh Hop Pale Ale {S} (6.1%) ***** < - AMERICAN PALE ALE - > – Bold, hoppy ale which uses wet hops freshly harvested, so therefore it's an October release. Dark gold and grassy on the palate.

Titan IPA (6.8%) ***** < - AMERICAN IPA - > – Aggressively hopped India Pale Ale with piney hop aromas and citrus hop flavors, and finishing with a rich, malty sweetness balanced with crisp hop bitterness.

Hades Ale {S} (7.3%) *** < - BELGIAN GOLDEN STRONG ALE - > – A crisp, golden, summer ale with a little fruit and a grassy aroma.

Hibernation Ale {S} (8.1%) **** < - AMERICAN STRONG ALE - > – Mahogany-colored strong ale released in November.

Hercules Double IPA (9.1%) ***** < - IMPERIAL / DOUBLE IPA - > – Copper orange with a brash citrusy hop character.

Yeti Imperial Stout (9.5%) * * * * * < - RUSSIAN IMPERIAL STOUT - > – An almost viscous, inky-black brew, this opens with a massive, roasty, chocolate, coffee malt flavor that gives way to rich toffee and burnt caramel notes.

Oak Aged Yeti Imperial Stout (9.5%) * * * * * < - RUSSIAN IMPERIAL STOUT - >/< - WOOD-AGED BEER - > – Aging on a blend of French and toasted oak chips infuses a subtle oak and vanilla character to an already intense beer.

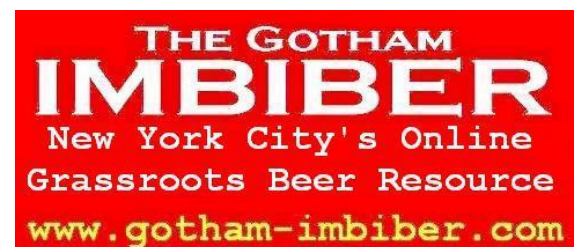
Old Ruffian (10.2%) * * * * * < - AMERICAN BARLEYWINE - > – Barleywine with subtle fruit aromas and an initial complex caramel sweetness, this deep mahogany-hued ale quickly shows its true character marked by bold hops and massive hop bitterness with grapefruit, pine, and floral hop flavors.

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<http://www.beermenus.com/breweries/great-divide-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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