

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

HaandBryggeriet
Drammen, Norway



Translating as 'The Hand Brewery', this is a tiny (7 barrel) craft operation founded in 2005 and run on a voluntary basis by four beer enthusiasts. The recipes are both traditional and innovative.

Planned beer: **Dobbel Dram IPA.**

Importer: [The Shelton Brothers](#)

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.

Haand IPA (6.5%) ***** < - ENGLISH IPA - > – Moderately hoppy pale ale, grassy and fairly citrusy.

Norse Porter (6.5%) ***** < - BROWN PORTER - > – Dark ruby ale with chocolate notes prominent.

Norwegian Wood (6.5%) ***** < - SPECIALTY BEER - > (juniper) – Smoky traditional Norwegian farmhouse ale, brewed with fire-killed malt and juniper berries. Dark brown with fruit and wood notes.

Haandbakk (8.5%) (no rating yet) < - SPONTANEOUSLY FERMENTED ALE (WILD ALE) (SOUR) - > – A new sour ale which has been aging in oak since September 2006.

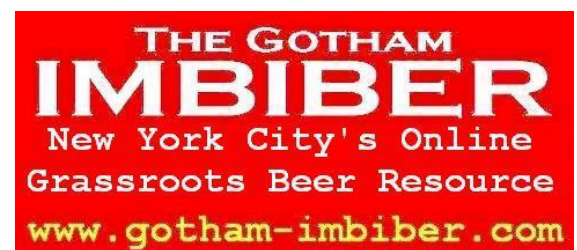
Dark Force (9.0%) ***** < - RUSSIAN IMPERIAL STOUT - > – 'An 'Imperial Wheat Stout', brewed with a large proportion of wheat malt plus dark roasted malts. Rich and chewy, with plenty of coffee and chocolate to be tasted.

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<http://www.beermenus.com/breweries/haandbryggeriet>

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

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