

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

## BREWERY PROFILE

### Hair of the Dog Brewing Co.

*Type: Domestic Craft Brewery*

4509 SE 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Portland, OR 97202.

Tel. 1 503 232 6585.

Available in cask? – Not locally.

Available in keg? – Yes.

Available in bottle or can? – Yes.

Distributor: American Beer Distributing, tel. 1 718 875 0226.

Who's who: President – Alan Sprints; Brewmaster – Pat Savage.

Notes: Hair of the Dog is a small, highly popular West Coast brewery which has been brewing since 1994. Many of the beers are bottle-conditioned and can be cellared.

*Distance to the brewery from New York City: 2926 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.

**Ruth** (5.6%) \*\*\* < - AMERICAN PALE ALE - > – Well-rounded American Pale Ale brewed with Crystal hops.

**Rose** (7.5%) \*\*\* < - BELGIAN TRIPEL - > – Unusual take on a Belgian tripel style, with hibiscus flowers, beets and pink peppercorns. Golden in color with a light refreshing body and a subtle hop profile. Aromatic and honey malts along with candi sugar give it a unique and fruity character.

**Adam** (10.0%) \*\*\*\* < - OLD ALE / WINTER WARMER - > – Rich, warming old ale with licorice, phenols, vine fruits, and a smooth peatiness. Apparently brewed with ingredients from Dortmund.

**Fred** (10.0%) \*\*\*\*\* < - AMERICAN BARLEYWINE - > – Barleywine created to honor beer writer and historian Fred Eckhardt. Deep golden color and complex. It is made with aromatic and rye malts and includes 10 different hop varieties “in an effort to incorporate the whole world into this beer.”

**Doggie Claws {S}** (11.5%) \*\*\*\*\* < - AMERICAN BARLEYWINE - > – Festive barleywine, copper red and hopped with Simcoe and Amarillo. Fruit and vanilla is detectable in this complex brew that should be savoured. A good beer to cellar.

- **Occasional and commemorative beers:**

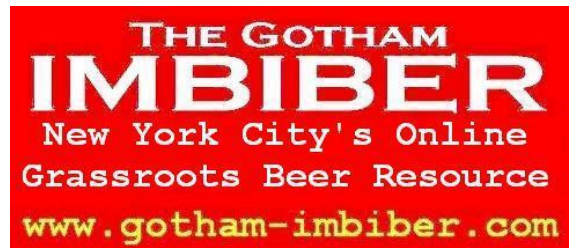
**Blue Dot** (7.0%) \*\*\*\* < - IMPERIAL / DOUBLE IPA - > – American Double IPA brewed with pale and rye malts. Citrusy hops dominate, while there is also earthiness and a malt bite from the rye.

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<http://www.beermenus.com/breweries/hair-of-the-dog-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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