

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

BREWERY PROFILE

Harviestoun

Alva, U.K. (Scotland)

Founded in 1985 in a barn in the village of Dollar with a 5 barrel plant, Harviestoun now has ten times as much capacity in a new facility a few miles away.

Importer: [B.United 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.

Bitter & Twisted (4.2%) ***** < - SCOTTISH HEAVY 70/- - > – Award-winning, pleasant golden session beer, well-balanced.

Ice Maiden (4.2%) ***** < - SCOTTISH EXPORT 80/- - > – Golden, highly-drinkable session ale; quite hoppy for the style. Cask only.

Lime and Ginger (5.2%) ** < - FRUIT BEER - >

Old Engine Oil (6.0%) ***** < - OLD ALE / WINTER WARMER - > – Very dark and velvety smooth beer with a solid malt backbone, balanced by a good level of hopping.

Old Engine Oil Special Reserve (6.0%) ***** < - OLD ALE / WINTER WARMER - > / < - WOOD-AGED BEER - > – As above but aged in malt whisky casks for six months.

Ola Dubh Special Reserve 12 (8.0%) ***** < - OLD ALE / WINTER WARMER - > / < - WOOD-AGED BEER - > – A black, oily beer reminiscent of a Victorian-era Porter. Based on a stronger version of Old Engine Oil, this beer is aged in wooden casks formerly used to mature Highland Park 12 Year Old Whisky. The aroma is peaty and a little smoky, while the complex flavors on the tongue include orange, sea salt, some smokiness, and a smooth slickness from the wood. ABV may be higher sometimes.

Ola Dubh Special Reserve 16 (8.0%) ***** < - OLD ALE / WINTER WARMER - > / < - WOOD-AGED BEER - > – Similar to the above, but aged in Highland Park 16 Year Old Whisky casks.

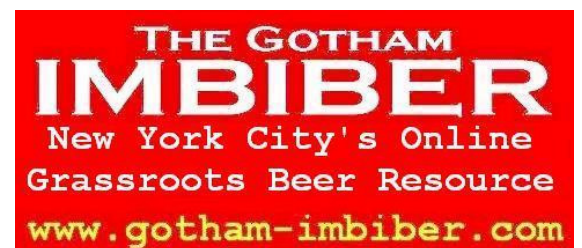
Ola Dubh Special Reserve 18 (8.0%) ***** < - OLD ALE / WINTER WARMER - > / < - WOOD-AGED BEER - > – Similar to the above, but aged in Highland Park 18 Year Old Whisky casks.

Ola Dubh Special Reserve 30 (8.0%) ***** < - OLD ALE / WINTER WARMER - > / < - WOOD-AGED BEER - > – As similar to the above, but aged in Highland Park 30 Year Old Whisky casks.

Ola Dubh Special Reserve 40 (8.0%) ***** < - OLD ALE / WINTER WARMER - > / < - WOOD-AGED BEER - > – Similar to the above, but aged in Highland Park 40 Year Old Whisky casks.

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This page is written by Alex Hall, and is updated to August 2009.

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