

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

BREWERY PROFILE

High Point Wheat Beer Co. (Ramstein)

Type: Domestic Craft Brewery

22 Park Place, Butler, NJ 07405. Tel. 1 973 838 7400.

Available in cask? – By special arrangement.

Available in keg? – Yes.

Available in bottle or can? – Yes.

Distributor: Manhattan Beer Distributors, tel. 1 718 292 9300.

Who's who: President & Brewmaster – Greg Zaccardi.

Notes: Brews the Ramstein range, mainly wheat beers, as brewmaster Greg learned his skills in a Bavarian brewery. He uses a strain of yeast that originates from an obscure microbrewery over there.

Distance to the brewery from New York City: 32 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.

Ramstein Golden Lager (3.9%) ***** < - MUNICH HELLES - > – Crisp, refreshing golden Munich Helles lager, simple but a great example of the style.

Ramstein Blonde Wheat Beer (5.4%) ***** < - GERMAN WEISSBIER / HEFEWEIZEN - > – A refreshing German-style hefeweizen with clove and apple aromas. Wheat and barley balances well with imported German Tettnanger hops.

Ramstein Classic Wheat Beer (5.4%) ***** < - DUNKELWEIZEN - > – Dunkelweizen, deep mahogany colored. Roasted malts and Tettnanger hops create a depth of complex flavors and a smooth finish.

Ramstein Amber Lager Beer {S} (6.0%) *** < - OKTOBERFEST / MÄRZEN - > – Malty Oktoberfest märzen, draft only.

Ramstein Double Platinum Blonde (7.5%) ***** < - GERMAN WEISSBIER / HEFEWEIZEN - > – Draft cloudy pale amber hefeweizen, very well balanced and full-bodied with yeast, bread, clove and banana prominent.

Ramstein Maibock {S} (7.5%) ***** < - MAIBOCK / HELLES BOCK - > – Malty, toasty, amber spring brew, draft only.

Ramstein Winter Wheat {S} (9.5%) ***** < - DOPPELBOCK / EISBOCK - > – Deep, full flavors of caramel and chocolate malt balance with hops for a smooth warming character with this excellent seasonal doppelbock.

- **Occasional and commemorative beers:**

Ramstein Munich Amber (5.5%) ***** < - VIENNA LAGER - > – A recreation of an authentic German Oktoberfest beer from the early 1900s. The aroma is malty, and it is smooth, spicy, and toasty on the palate with a subtle noble hop finish. Draft only.

Ramstein Parnell Pale Ale (6.0%) * * * * < - AMERICAN PALE ALE - > – Draft only with an interesting mix of English, German, and Belgian influences. Golden with some sweet malt and citrus notes.

SEE BEER MENUS FOR AVAILABILITY (EXTERNAL LINK)

<http://www.beermenus.com/breweries/high-point-brewing-company>



Greg Zaccardi in the tap room of the High Point Brewery

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