

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

Hop Back

Downton, U.K. (England)

A very successful microbrewery which originally was started by John Gilbert as a brewpub (The Wyndham Arms, Salisbury) in 1987.

Importer: [The Shelton Brothers](#) (subject to change)

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.

Entire Stout (4.5%) *** < - DRY STOUT - > – A rich stout, nearly black with a strong roasted malt flavor. Brewed with Optic pale malt, chocolate malt, roasted barley, wheat malt, and crystal malt. Challenger and Goldings are the hops used.

Summer Lightning (5.0%) *** < - ENGLISH PALE ALE - > – Pale gold with a fresh, hoppy aroma and a distinct bitterness which leads to a long, dry finish. Brewed with Optic pale malt, hopped with East Kent Goldings (also Challenger in the cask version).

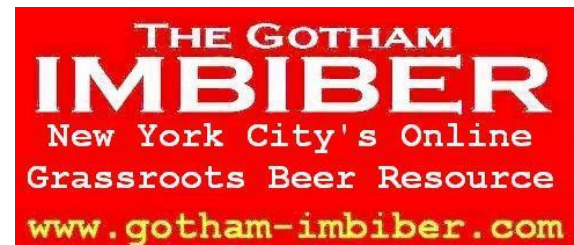
Thunderstorm (5.0%) *** < - ENGLISH PALE WHEAT ALE - > – A medium-bodied wheat beer, refreshing.

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

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