

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

## BREWERY PROFILE

### Ij Amsterdam, Netherlands

A successful small craft brewery operating since 1988 whose recipes are innovative.

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.

**Plzen** (5.0%) \*\*\* < - BOHEMIAN PILSNER - > – An unusual lager incorporating some sourness, spices, and citrus notes. Hard to categorize accurately.

**Natte** (6.5%) \*\*\* < - BELGIAN DUBBEL - > – A woody, mildly fruity, ruby brown dubbel.

**Ij Wit (aka Scharrel)** (7.0%) \*\*\*\* < - BELGIAN WITBIER - > – An orange-amber witbier, refreshing and quite sweet for the style.

**Zatte** (8.0%) \*\*\*\* < - BELGIAN TRIPEL - > – Golden tripel, earthy with a slight tartness and moderate spices.

**Columbus** (9.0%) \*\*\*\* < - BELGIAN PALE ALE - > – Dark mahogany ale, complex with some esters and sourness mixing with notes of fruit and clove.

**Ijnde Jaars (aka Turbock) {S}** (9.0%) \*\*\*\* < - BELGIAN GOLDEN STRONG ALE - > – Mid-brown, very fruity winter beer, bitter at first but sweet fruit soon takes over. Grapes and sweet raisins are prominent in this interesting brew.

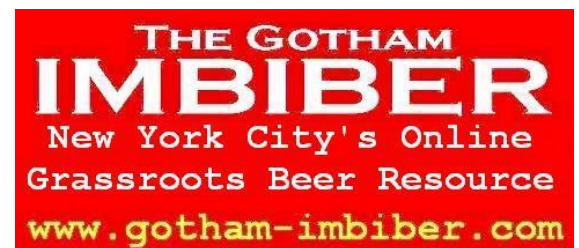
**Struis** (9.0%) \*\*\*\* < - BELGIAN DARK STRONG ALE - > – Orange-copper beer, described as a barleywine with a Belgian-style twist. Fruity and off-beat, very enjoyable.

### SEE BEER MENUS FOR AVAILABILITY (EXTERNAL LINK)

<http://www.beermenus.com/breweries/brouwerij-t-ij>

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