

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

## Ithaca Beer & Soda Co.

*Type: Domestic Craft Brewery*

606 Elmira Road, Ithaca, NY 14850. Tel. 1 607 273 0766.

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 – Dan Mitchell; Brewmaster – Jeff Conuel.

Notes: Upstate craft brewery in operation since 1998.

*Distance to the brewery from New York City: 222 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.

**Apricot Wheat** (4.9%) \*\*\* < - FRUIT BEER - > – Light bodied fruit beer, refreshing.

**Nut Brown** (4.9%) \*\*\*\* < - ENGLISH BROWN ALE - > – Malty English-style mahogany-colored brew hopped with Northern Brewer, there's a nutty aroma and a fairly sweet taste with aspects of caramel and toffee.

**Partly Sunny {S}** (5.0%) \*\*\* < - BELGIAN WITBIER - > – Belgian-style Witbier, spicy with a dry finish. Hopped with Hallertau, and spiced with lemon zest and coriander. Summer availability, draft only.

**Pils {S}** (5.5%) \*\*\* < - GERMAN PILSNER - > – Crisp straw-colored beer brewed with five varieties of German hops.

**Pale Ale** (5.8%) \*\*\* < - AMERICAN PALE ALE - > – Generously hopped with Cascade, Willamette, and Centennial.

**Gorges Smoked Porter {S}** (6.3%) \*\*\* < - ROBUST PORTER - > – Dark winter beer brewed with smoked malt from Bamberg and hopped with Northern Brewer. Rich and roasty with a lingering smokiness.

**Finger Lakes Stout {S}** (6.8%) \*\*\*\* – Dark, full-bodied, and robust. Winter availability.

**Cascazilla** (7.0%) \*\*\*\* < - AMERICAN AMBER ALE - > – An ale with attitude from copious amounts of Cascade hops. Chinook and Crystal are also used, giving a distinctly hoppy aroma.

**Winterizer {S}** (7.8%) \*\*\*\* < - OLD ALE / WINTER WARMER - > – Winter Warmer with pleasing levels of cinnamon and other spices.

**Flower Power {S}** (8.0%) \*\*\* < - AMERICAN IPA - > – Herbal summer IPA hopped with Simcoe, Cascade, and Palisades.

**Double IPA** (9.2%) \*\*\*\* < - IMPERIAL / DOUBLE IPA - > – Golden and powerful, hopped entirely with New York State grown Cascade, Mount Hood, and Willamette. Citrusy and peppery on the palate.

- **Occasional and commemorative beers:**

**Brute** (6.5%) \*\*\*\*\* < - SPONTANEOUSLY FERMENTED ALE (WILD ALE) (SOUR) - > - Golden, tart, funky ale with Brettanomyces yeast. Highly carbonated with notes of lemon and wood.

**Kaffinator** (7.0%) \*\*\*\*\* < - DOPPELBOCK / EISBOCK - > - 'Double Espresso Bock', smooth and creamy with malt and coffee on the palate.

**White Gold** (8.0%) \*\*\*\*\* < - AMERICAN PALE WHEAT ALE - > - Part-Belgian-influenced strong pale wheat ale.

**AlpHalpHa** (8.5%) \*\*\*\*\* < - IMPERIAL / DOUBLE IPA - > - A floral orange-amber beer brewed with organic malt, Cascade hops, and Alfafa honey, plus Cayuga Lake water. Grassy and very drinkable.

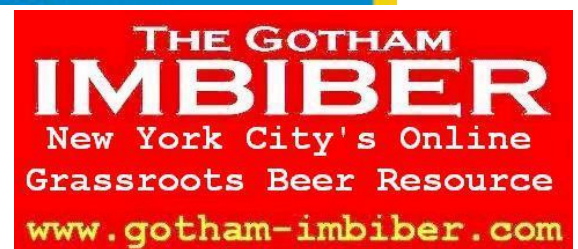
**IPAbbey** (9.0%) \*\*\*\*\* < - BELGIAN IPA - > - A hybrid tripel hopped with Saaz, Amarillo, and Simcoe.

**Old Habit** (9.0%) \*\*\*\*\* < - AMERICAN RYE BEER - > / < - WOOD-AGED BEER - > - A ruby beer brewed with rye and aged in whisky barrels.

**Ten** (10.0%) \*\*\*\*\* < - IMPERIAL / DOUBLE IPA - > - A deep golden orange ale brewed with an excess of malt and hops (Amarillo, Chinook, Crystal, and Cascade), aggressive on the palate with plenty of pepper and biting citrus. Commemorates Ithaca Brewery's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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

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