

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

BREWERY PROFILE

Kiuchi Shuzou Ibaraki, Japan

Kiuchi is a sake brewery founded in 1823, which turned its hand to brewing top-fermented ales in 1996. They are further diversifying, a distillery was added in 2003 - and the company will soon be moving into wine production. The brewery has won a number of awards globally over the last few years.

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.

Hitachino Nest Sweet Stout - Lacto (3.9%) ** < - SWEET STOUT / MILK STOUT - > – Sweet dark beer somewhat lacking in body.

Hitachino Nest Weizen (5.0%) **** < - GERMAN WEISSBIER / HEFEWEIZEN - > – Cloudy hefeweizen with notes of banana and citrus with a touch of cloves.

Hitachino Nest White Ale (5.0%) **** < - BELGIAN WITBIER - > – Complex witbier featuring citrus, clove, and pepper.

Hitachino Nest Japanese Classic Ale (7.0%) **** < - JAPANESE IPA (CEDAR AGED) - > – Hazy amber, spicy, yeasty, cedar-aged beer. Delicious.

Hitachino Nest XH {S} (7.0%) **** < - WOOD-AGED BEER - > – Strong, fruity, spicy amber ale matured in Sochu sake casks.

Hitachino Nest Real Ginger Ale (7.0%) *** < - HERB, SPICE, OR VEGETABLE BEER - > – Refreshing beer with ginger, hops, and malt combining well.

Hitachino Nest Espresso Stout {S} (7.5%) ***** < - AMERICAN DOUBLE STOUT - > – Plenty of prominent rich coffee notes make this dark brew a delight to drink. With this, who needs Starbucks?

Hitachino Nest Red Rice Ale (8.5%) *** < - BELGIAN GOLDEN STRONG ALE - > – Odd red-amber beer, starchy and malty. Not unpleasant, just unusual.

Hitachino Nest Celebration Ale {S} (9.0%) ***** < - DOPPELBOCK / EISBOCK - > – A deep brown, quite complex, new year's eisbock with prominent notes of orange, vanilla, and sweet malt. Brewed with pale, Munich, crystal, chocolate, and wheat malts; hopped with Styrian Goldings, Hallertau, Tettnang, and Saaz. Spices used are vanilla beans, coriander, orange peel, cinnamon, and nutmeg. The beer is frozen for three days at 24° Fahrenheit, then bottled and aged for six months before release.

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<http://www.beermenus.com/breweries/kiuchi-brewery>

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