

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

BREWERY PROFILE

Marston's

HQ: U.K. (England)

A national British brewing company formerly known as Wolverhampton & Dudley, created from mergers and takeovers with Banks's, Jennings, Marstons, Brakspear, and Mansfield (the latter pair now closed). Pedigree is brewed using the traditional Burton Union system where beer is fermented in interconnected casks. Marston's bought Ringwood Brewery in 2007 and Refresh UK (who owned the Wychwood Brewery) in early 2008. Wychwood remains open in Oxfordshire, brewing their own beers and the Duchy Originals line.



Marston's

Burton-on-Trent, U.K. (England)

Importer:

Distributor: S.K.I. Beer Distributors, tel. 1 718 821 7200.

Wychwood

Witney, U.K. (England)

Importer: [Eurobrew](#)

Distributor: S.K.I. Beer Distributors, tel. 1 718 821 7200.



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.

- **Marston's:**

Pedigree (4.5%) *** < - ENGLISH PALE ALE - > – Classic English pale ale with a slightly sulfury aroma. Much more complex from the cask than the bottle.

- **Wychwood:**

Wychwood Scarecrow (4.7%) * * * < - ENGLISH BEST BITTER - >

Duchy Originals Organic English Ale (5.0%) * * * < - EXTRA SPECIAL BITTER (ESB) - > – Amber ESB with a subtle hoppiness. Brewed with organic First Gold hops and organic barley from The Prince of Wales' Home Farm at Highgrove.

Wychwood Fiddler's Elbow (5.2%) * * * < - ENGLISH PALE ALE - > – A hoppy amber pale ale.

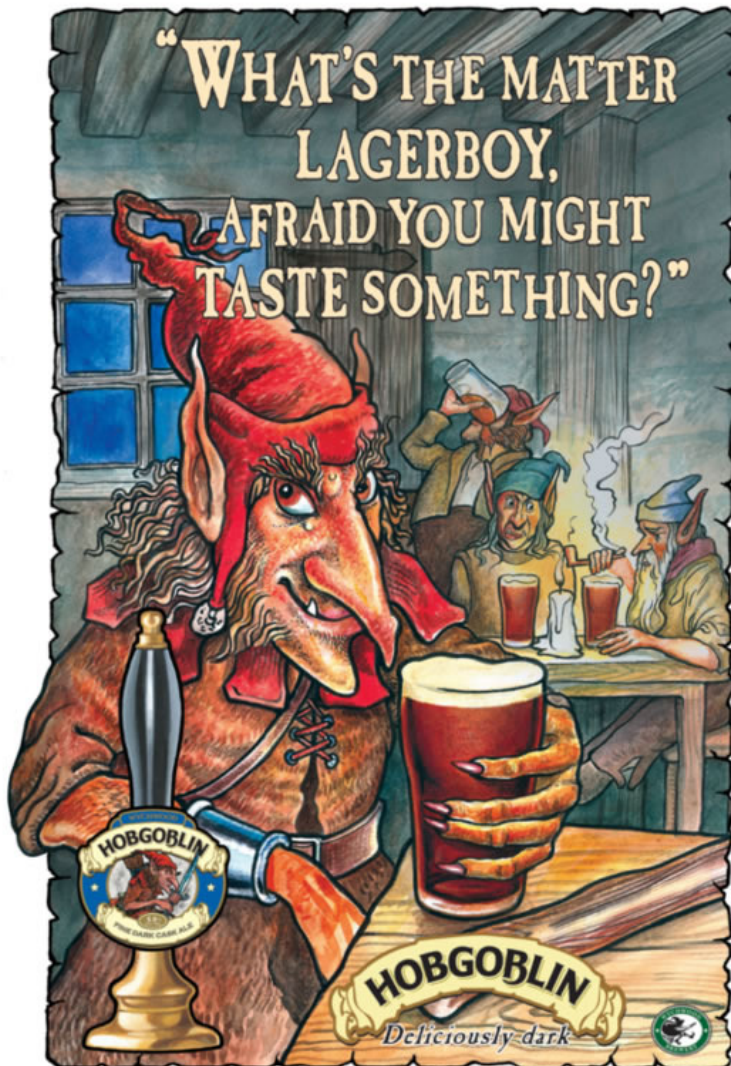
Wychwood Hobgoblin (5.2%) * * * < - EXTRA SPECIAL BITTER (ESB) - > – Copper red, full-bodied beer with roasted malt on the palate.

Wychwood Bah Humbug {S} (6.0%) * * * < - OLD ALE / WINTER WARMER - > – A reddish winter beer with hints of fruit and cinnamon.

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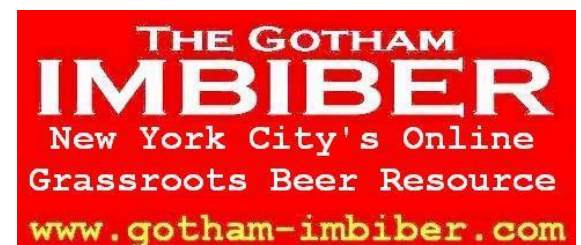
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