

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

Mikkeller

Copenhagen, Denmark

[Certain beers are brewed under contract]

A small artisanal brewery run by Mikkel Bjergsoe and Kristian Keller – hence the name Mikkeller. Mikkel, a schoolteacher by day, is a former professional runner, while Kristian is a music critic. Draft Bear, Big Worse, To From, Black Hole, Santa's Little Helper, and Struise Mikkeller are brewed under contract in Belgium by De Proef Brouwerij. Tyttebær will be a forthcoming beer by Nøgne-Ø (q.v.) in conjunction with Mikkeller.

Importer: [The Shelton Brothers](#)

Distributor: Union Beer Distributors, tel. 1 718 497 2407.

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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.

Jackie Brown (6.0%) ***** < - AMERICAN BROWN ALE - > – A roasty, chocolatey mid-brown beer brewed with flaked oats and six different malts. Bold and hoppy with a lasting finish. Named after a Quentin Tarantino movie character.

Stateside IPA (7.0%) ***** < - AMERICAN IPA - > – This American recipe hazy orange-amber beer is outstanding for the style with pepper, pine, and citrus plentiful on the palate. Chinook, Cascade, and Amarillo hops are employed, together with an American yeast strain.

Beer Geek Breakfast (7.5%) ***** < - OATMEAL STOUT - > – Dark, rich stout brewed with oats and gourmet coffee. Outstanding on its own or with any meal.

Draft Bear (8.0%) ***** < - AMERICAN IMPERIAL PILSNER - > – A superb golden lager brewed with a touch of candi sugar and hopped with Cascade and Amarillo. Crisp and bold with a clean finish.

It's Alive! (8.0%) (no rating yet) < - BELGIAN GOLDEN STRONG ALE - > – A tribute to Orval which should be available here in limited quantities in summer 2008. Hazy deep amber, with a complex mix of fruit, yeast and a little funk. The aroma is yeasty and spicy.

To From {S} (8.0%) *** < - BALTIC PORTER - > – This spicy Christmas seasonal ale is brewed with flaked oats, dark cassonade (raw cane sugar), Centennial and Cascade hops, spices. Burnt malt, pine sap, star anise, cinnamon, clove and coriander loot the taste buds in a complex manner. The mainly blank label simply says “To _____ From _____” for use as an easy holiday gift.

Struise Mikkeller (9.0%) ***** < - IMPERIAL / DOUBLE IPA - > – A collaboration of Struise, Mikkeller, and RateBeer.com produced this complex amber beer with an interesting mixture of hop bitterness and candi sugar sweetness.

Santa's Little Helper {S} (11.0%) ***** < - BELGIAN DARK STRONG ALE - > – Very dark brown, bold winter ale with notes of orange peel and coriander, hopped with Northern Brewer, Hallertau and Styrian Goldings. Bottles are year dated (from 2007).

Big Worse (12.0%) * * * * < - ENGLISH BARLEYWINE - > – A bold barleywine brewed with candi sugar and hopped with Nugget, Cascade and Centennial. Thick and sweet with a multitude of fruity notes, this beer can be cellared for many years.

Black Hole (14.0%) * * * * * < - RUSSIAN IMPERIAL STOUT - > – Honey, coffee, vanilla, dark cassonade, lots of hops and a thick malt backbone describe this delicious black beer. Very rare. Note some labels incorrectly state an ABV of 13.1%.

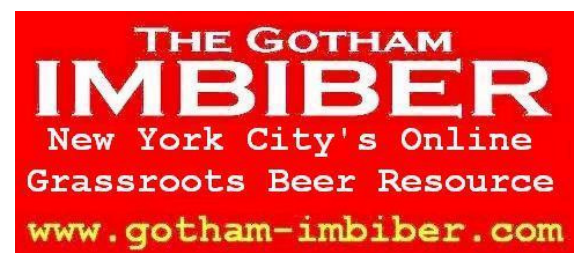
Black (17.5%) * * * * * < - RUSSIAN IMPERIAL STOUT - > – An extreme beer, black with intense coffee and roasted malt notes, very assertively bitter.

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<http://www.beermenus.com/breweries/mikkeller>

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

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