

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

Oskar Blues Brewery

Type: Domestic Craft Brewery

303 Main Street, Lyons, CO 80540. Tel. 1 303 823 6685.

Available in cask? – Yes.

Available in keg? – Yes.

Available in bottle or can? – Yes (cans).

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

Who's who: President – Dale Katechis; Brewmaster – Dave Chichura.

Notes: Their three main beers available locally are kegged, casked, and canned.

Oskar Blues is currently the largest beer volume producing brewpub in the US and has seen substantial expansion.

Distance to the brewery from New York City: 1836 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.

One Nut Brown Ale (5.0%) ***** < - ENGLISH BROWN ALE - > – Very smooth and balanced English brown ale with a deep clear chestnut color. Lightly hopped. Keg and cask only, can be hard to locate locally.

Dale's Pale Ale (6.5%) ***** < - AMERICAN PALE ALE - > – Copper colored American Pale Ale with a hoppy aroma, thanks to liberal post-boil Centennial hops. Hops are prominent though there is a good malt balance.

Old Chub (8.0%) ***** < - WEE HEAVY STRONG SCOTCH - > – Dark Scottish Ale brewed with hearty amounts of seven different malts, including crystal and chocolate malts, plus a dash of Bamberg beechwood-smoked malt. There's a creamy mouthfeel, and rich, semi-sweet flavors of caramel and chocolate throughout.

Gordon (8.7%) ***** < - IMPERIAL / DOUBLE IPA - > – An interesting American Double IPA – Imperial Red hybrid. Very hoppy, mainly through the liberal use of Amarillo plus two unnamed other varieties.

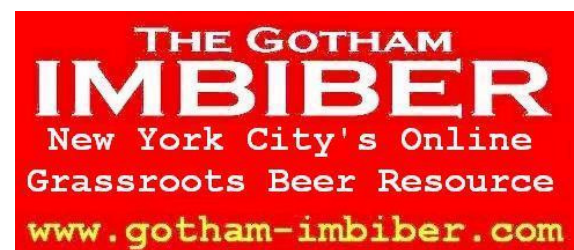
Ten Fidy (10.0%) ***** < - RUSSIAN IMPERIAL STOUT - > – Rich Russian Imperial Stout, hard to find.

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<http://www.beermenus.com/breweries/oskar-blues-grill-brew>

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

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