

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

Pennichuck Brewing Co.

Type: Domestic Craft Brewery

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Available in cask? – Not locally.

Available in keg? – Yes.

Available in bottle or can? – Yes.

Distributor: American Beer Distributing, tel. 1 718 875 0226.

Who's who: Brewmaster – Damase Olsson.

Notes: Founded in the summer of 2006, this brewery has applied a firefighter theme to the beers. Their bottling plant came from the much loved former Heavyweight Brewery in New Jersey.

Distance to the brewery from New York City: 220 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.

Rüstwagen {S} (4.0%) **** < - GERMAN WEISSBIER / HEFEWEIZEN - > – This summer release is a highly carbonated hefeweizen, cloudy orange-gold with yeast, clove, and banana on the palate. The name is German for 'rescue truck'.

BackDraft Chocolate Porter (5.0% est'd) *** < - BROWN PORTER - > – This is an English style porter, dark brown and with a backbone of sweet malt balanced by mild hops. Light bodied.

Engine 5 Firehouse Red Ale (5.0%) ***** < - AMERICAN AMBER ALE - > – Deep red-amber with a fruity nose. On the palate there's dark fruit, caramel, and roasted malt. The finish is quite sweet.

Feuerwehrmann (5.0%) **** < - SCHWARZBIER - > Black patent malt and noble hops lend themselves to making this malty dark lager crisp and smooth.

Fireman's Pail Ale (5.0%) **** < - AMERICAN PALE ALE - > – Hazy amber with notes of caramel, biscuit, and piney hops.

Halligan RyePa {S} (5.1%) **** < - AMERICAN RYE BEER - > – Brewed with 25% rye in the grain bill and with Amarillo hops, this amber brew is piney and citrusy with a peachy aroma.

Shouboushi Ginger Pilsner (5.1%) **** < - GERMAN PILSNER - > – An unusual twist on a pilsner which includes fresh ginger root in the recipe. Hallertau and Czech Saaz hops are used, with Pilsner and Carapilsner malts. A crisp and tangy amber lager.

Wye Winter Wassail {S} (6.0%) *** < - HERB, SPICE, OR VEGETABLE BEER - > – Dark amber with aggressive spicing, it contains quite a shopping list: Vietnamese cinnamon, Madagascar & Ceylon cloves, Honduran allspice, Chinese ginger, Grenadian West India nutmeg, Tellicherry black and Mysore green peppercorns from India, Sarawak white peppercorns from Borneo, and rare pink peppercorns from the French Island of Reunion.

The Big O {S} (6.5%) * * * * < - OKTOBERFEST / MÄRZEN - > – Copper colored with a big malt backbone, delicately hopped with Hallertau Hersbrucker, Saaz, Nugget and Tettnanger.

Saint Florian {S} (7.0%) * * * * < - DOPPELBOCK / EISBOCK - > – Dark amber, malty lager with notes of figs, raisins, bread, caramel, and molasses. A spring release.

Bagpiper's Scottish Ale (9.0%) * * * * < - WEE HEAVY STRONG SCOTCH - > – Mahogany colored, this is a smooth, silky brew with notes of caramel and a touch of earth.

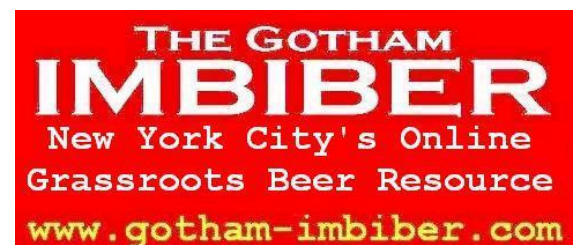
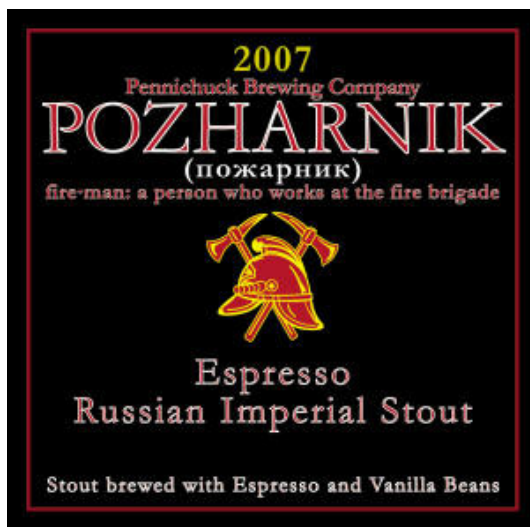
Chief's Imperial IPA (10.0%) * * * * < - IMPERIAL / DOUBLE IPA - > – Copper colored deep amber, quite sweet for the style although brewed with a significant amount of Columbus, Cascade, Willamette, and Brewer's Gold hops.

Pozharnik {S} (10.0%) * * * * < - RUSSIAN IMPERIAL STOUT - > – “Espresso Russian Imperial Stout”, brewed with espresso and vanilla beans. Notes of raisin, plum, whisky, and vanilla make this bold, black, warming winter beer a treat which can be aged for many years.

Pompier {S} (12.1%) * * * * < - ENGLISH BARLEYWINE - > – Aged in oak for three months and refermented with champagne yeast, this big, bold ale unusually features French oak wood chips and French Strisselspalt hops. Wood, vine fruits, caramel, and bourbon notes make this amber colored ale a warming release for December.

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