

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

BREWERY PROFILE

Plank (Michael) Laaber, Germany

Brewmaster Michael Plank is the sixteenth generation of the Plank family to run this small (10,000 hl annually) Bavarian craft brewery, founded in 1617. Plank won the 'Best Small Brewery in the World' award at the 2006 World Beer Cup.



Importer: [Elite Brands](#)

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.

Bavarian Hefeweizen (5.2%) ***** < - GERMAN WEISSBIER / HEFEWEIZEN - > – A high quality, spritzzy wheat beer with a fruity aroma.

Bavarian Dunkler Weizenbock (7.5%) ***** < - WEIZENBOCK - > – Mid-brown and medium-bodied with initial malt flavors leading into a pleasant caramel, clove and pepper finish.

Bavarian Heller Weizenbock (7.5%) ***** < - WEIZENBOCK - > – A pleasant wheat beer, quite pale for the style. Notes of wheat, bubblegum, and banana.

Bavarian Heller Doppelbock (7.8%) ***** < - DOPPELBOCK / EISBOCK - > – Golden-amber and clean with notes of floral hops, honey, fruit, bread, and sweet malt. Only 350 cases are produced annually.

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<http://www.beermenus.com/breweries/brauerei-plank-laaber>

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