

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

BREWERY PROFILE

Rock Art Brewery

Type: Domestic Craft Brewery

254 Wilkins Street, Morrisville, VT 05661.

Tel. 1 802 888 9400.

Available in cask? – Yes.

Available in keg? – Yes.

Available in bottle or can? – Yes.

Distributor: Union Beer Distributors, tel. 1 718 497 2407 (no longer distributing these beers).

Who's who: Brewmaster – Matt Nadeau.

Notes: Located in the mountains of Vermont, Rock Art is known for creative if not over-the-top beers and distinctive tap handles.

Distance to the brewery from New York City: 343 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.

Brown Bear (4.5%) *** < - ENGLISH BROWN ALE - > – Malty, lightly hopped English-style brown ale. Brewed with pale, crystal, carapils, mild, and chocolate malts; East Kent Golding hops balance this brew.

American Red Ale (4.8%) *** < - AMERICAN AMBER ALE - > – Malty and smooth with a hint of spicy hops and roasted grains. Brewed with domestic pale, black, chocolate, red, melanoidin malts, plus oats and flaked barley. American hops include Magnum, Centennial, Liberty and Crystal.

IPA {S} (5.0%) ** < - AMERICAN IPA - >

River Runner {S} (5.0% estimated) *** < - ENGLISH PALE ALE - > – A mildly hopped pale ale, a summer release.

Whitetail Ale (5.0%) *** < - BLONDE ALE - > – Blonde ale with a crisp body and slightly dry, hoppy finish. Pale, wheat and torrified wheat malts are used with Northern Brewer and Mt. Hood hops.

Midnight Madness Smoked Porter {S} (5.5% est'd) **** < - ROBUST PORTER - > – Dark ruby red, slightly smoky, with a medium body. Northern Brewer and East Kent Golding hops are used.

Trail Cutter {S} (5.7%) ** < - DARK AMERICAN OR EURO LAGER - >

Stump Jumper Gnarly Stout {S} (5.8%) **** < - AMERICAN STOUT - > – American stout, a bit chewy with plenty of Challenger and Perle hops. The malt bill is pale, crystal, black, chocolate roasted malts, oats, flaked barley, giving coffee and chocolate notes prominence.

Mountain Holidays in Vermont {S} (6.0% estimated) **** < - TRADITIONAL / DUNKLER BOCK - > – Tasty bock lager brewed with lots of rich, sweet caramel malts and delicately balanced with Bavarian Hallertau hops. Bottles are year dated.

Ridge Runner (7.2%) * * * < - ENGLISH BARLEYWINE - > – Mild English-style barleywine brewed with pale, dark crystal, Munich, black, and chocolate malts, plus flaked barley. Hops include Cascade, Crystal, Challenger and Perle.

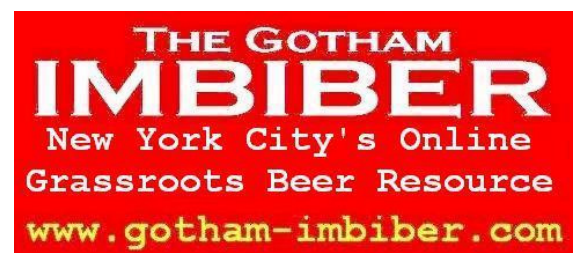
Magnum Ete Tomahawkus ESB3 Ale {S} (8.0%) * * * * < - AMERICAN STRONG ALE - > – A bold brew, golden amber and assertively hoppy. There's a pleasantly floral aroma.

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<http://www.beermenus.com/breweries/rock-art-brewery>

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

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