

THE BEER DEMYSTIFIER NEW YORK CITY FILES 2009-2010

BREWERY PROFILE

Sinclair Breweries

HQ: U.K. (Scotland)

Orkney and Atlas Breweries are owned, but only the former is exported to the US. The company's head office is in Cawdor, Scotland.

Orkney

Quoyloo, U.K. (Scotland)

A remote brewery with its own water supply, situated in a former schoolhouse off the northern coast of Scotland. Orkney was founded in 1988 by Roger White, a descendant of the MacGregor Clan (hence there's a beer called Red MacGregor).



Importer: [Legends Limited](#)

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.

Dragonhead Stout (4.0%) ***** < - DRY STOUT - > – Dry and black with lots of roasted malt goodness.

Dark Island (4.6%) ***** < - SCOTTISH HEAVY 70/- - > – Deep red-brown ale with a fruity, estery aroma and flavors of hops and peat, with a little nut and chocolate at the finish.

Red MacGregor (5.0%) ***** < - IRISH RED ALE - > – Malt and hops are in perfect balance here. Brewed with Maris Otter pale, crystal, and chocolate malts and hopped with Challenger and Cascade.

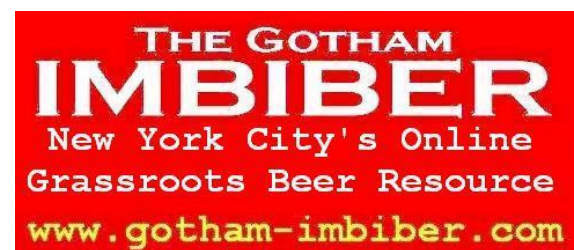
Skullsplitter (8.5%) ***** < - WEE HEAVY STRONG SCOTCH - > – Reddish strong ale with a vinous nose. Smooth and satiny on the palate with deep, rich fruit notes and a dry finish. Dangerously drinkable. Named after Thorfinn Hausakliuuf, the violent and fearsome 7th Viking Earl of Orkney, who lived and ruled about 1050 years ago.

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<http://www.beermenus.com/breweries/sinclair-breweries>

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