

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

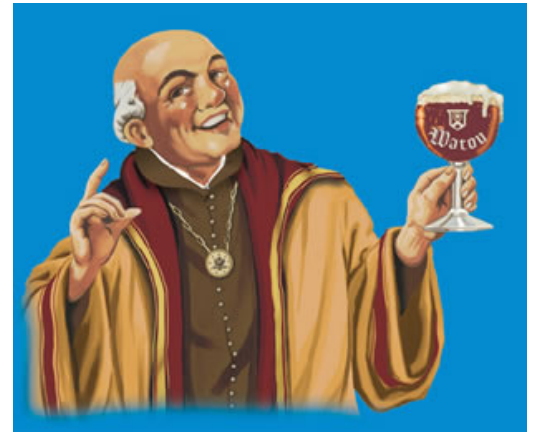
BREWERY PROFILE

Sint Bernardus Watou, Belgium

A highly respected brewery in the western extremities of Belgium, founded 1946. For several decades, they specialized in brewing versions of the revered Westvleteren Trappist brews under the St. Sixtus name.

All except Grotten brands:
Importer: [D & V International](#)
Distributor: Union Beer Distributors, tel. 1 718 497 2407.

Grotten brands only:
Importer: [Artisanal Imports](#)
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.

Grotten Brown Cave Aged Ale (6.7%) ***** < - BELGIAN DARK ALE - > – Mid brown, very complex beer with lots of fruity, vinous qualities. A beer created by the legendary Pierre Celis.

Pater 6 (6.7%) ***** < - BELGIAN DUBBEL - > – An excellent reddish brown dubbel that has dark fruit balanced on the palate.

Watou Tripel (7.5%) ***** < - BELGIAN TRIPEL - > – Clean-tasting, balanced orange-amber tripel.

Grotten Flemish Ale (7.7%) ***** < - BELGIAN GOLDEN STRONG ALE - > – Golden, slightly herbal, soft-textured ale devised by Pierre Celis.

Prior 8 (8.0%) ***** < - BELGIAN DUBBEL - > – Hazy brown, fruity, superbly-crafted beer.

Tripel (8.0%) ***** < - BELGIAN TRIPEL - > – Soft, hazy golden beer that is perfectly balanced with malt and spices.

Abt 12 (10.5%) ***** < - BELGIAN BARLEYWINE / QUAD - > – Fruity, rich, dark brown, very complex brew with dark fruit esters and figs. Outstanding.

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<http://www.beermenus.com/breweries/brouwerij-st-bernardus>

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