

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

BREWERY PROFILE

Smuttynose Brewing Co.

Type: Domestic Craft Brewery

225 Heritage Avenue, Portsmouth, NH 03801.

Tel. 1 603 436 4026.

Available in cask? – Yes.

Available in keg? – Yes.

Available in bottle or can? – Yes.

Distributor: Union Beer Distributors, tel. 1 718 497 2407.

Who's who: President – Peter Egelston; Brewmasters – Dave Yarrington & Greg Blanchard.

Notes: Smuttynose was founded in 1994, the name comes from the now uninhabited Smuttynose Island in the Isles of Shoals. Occasional brews are badged as part of the 'Big Beer Series', and are all bottle-conditioned and dated for cellaring purposes.

Planned beer: **G-Bock**.

Distance to the brewery from New York City: 267 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.

Portsmouth Lager (4.5%) *** < - VIENNA LAGER - > – Golden lager hopped with Czech Saaz. Apparently to be discontinued.

Shoals Pale Ale (5.0%) **** < - AMERICAN PALE ALE - > – Quenching pale ale hopped with Cascade and Chinook.

Summer Weizen Ale {S} (5.0%) *** < - AMERICAN PALE WHEAT ALE - > – Refreshing seasonal wheat beer, a little peppery.

Pumpkin Ale {S} (5.1%) **** < - PUMPKIN BEER - > – Spicy autumnal brew.

Hanami Ale {S} (5.7%) ** < - FRUIT BEER - > – Sweet, pink-hued Japanese-inspired beer flavored with cherry juice.

Old Brown Dog Ale (5.7%) **** < - AMERICAN BROWN ALE - > – Full-bodied brown ale, malty and mildly hopped. Slightly sweet for the style.

Robust Porter (5.7%) **** < - ROBUST PORTER - > – Dark brown with chocolate and coffee foremost on the palate, lightly hopped with Cascade.

Abbey Single (aka Blonde) (6.0% estimated) **** < - BELGIAN PALE ALE - > – Hazy gold, dry on the palate with a hint of honey.

IPA (6.6%) ***** < - AMERICAN IPA - > – A golden brew packed with juicy grapefruit and pine hop character.

Winter Ale {S} (6.8%) *** < - BELGIAN DUBBEL - > – Belgian-style chestnut-hued dubbel, medium-bodied.

- **Occasional and commemorative beers:**

Smuttaroni (6.0%) *** < - BELGIAN PALE ALE - > – Light, soft Belgian pale ale apparently brewed with wild rice.

Really Old Brown Dog Ale (7.0%) **** < - OLD ALE / WINTER WARMER - > – Dark amber, medium-bodied beer in the old ale style.

Farmhouse Ale (7.4%) **** < - SAISON - > – Hazy golden saison hopped with Sterling. Very drinkable.

Maibock (7.7%) **** < - MAIBOCK / HELLES BOCK - > – Easy-drinking, clear golden malty beer with moderate fruit notes.

Scotch Style Ale (7.8%) **** < - WEE HEAVY STRONG SCOTCH - > – Dark brown, creamy, with some toffee sweetness.

S'muttonator (8.5%) **** < - DOPPELBOCK / EISBOCK - > – Amber doppelbock, smooth and quite vinous.

The Gnome (9.0%) **** < - BELGIAN IPA - > – Hazy golden amber ale with plenty of hops, fruit and spice on the tongue.

Big A IPA (9.2%) **** < - IMPERIAL / DOUBLE IPA - > – An impertinent brew with a big hop profile, especially at the finish.

Barleywine Style Ale (10.0%) **** < - AMERICAN BARLEYWINE - > – Reddish amber strong ale with plenty of aggressive citrusy hops.

Imperial Stout (10.0%) **** < - RUSSIAN IMPERIAL STOUT - > – A big, black, heavy brew with lots of chocolate character.

Wheat Wine Ale (10.7%) **** < - AMERICAN WHEAT WINE - > – Innovative, award-winning golden wheat beer with some citrus notes.

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