

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

## BREWERY PROFILE

### Sprecher Brewing Co.

*Type: Domestic Craft Brewery*

701 West Glendale Avenue, Glendale, WI 53209.

Tel. 1 414 964 2739.

Available in cask? – No.

Available in keg? – Yes.

Available in bottle or can? – Yes.

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

Who's who: President – Randal Sprecher.

Notes: Founded in 1985, and expanded in 1994 to a former elevator factory.

*Distance to the brewery from New York City: 887 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.*

**Micro Light Ale** (4.1%) \*\*\* < - BLONDE ALE - > – At 6 IBUs (International Bitterness Units), this beer is extremely mild on the palate – and is a great alternative to the sea of mass-produced light lagers out there.

**Hefe Weiss** (4.2%) \*\*\* < - GERMAN WEISSBIER / HEFEWEIZEN - > – Coarse-filtered German-style hefeweizen.

**Pub Ale** (4.5%) \*\*\* < - ENGLISH BEST BITTER - > – A soft, 'quaffable', English-style ale gently hopped with Fuggles and Northern Brewer. Best served at cellar temperature (about 55F) to pick up subtle flavor nuances.

**Special Amber** (5.0%) \*\*\* < - VIENNA LAGER - > – Deep golden with a creamy head, this is a complex and malty Vienna-style lager.

**Irish Style Stout {S}** (5.7%) \*\*\* < - DRY STOUT - > – Ebony-colored Irish stout available in spring. Bittersweet chocolate and dark coffee are prominent.

**Oktoberfest {S}** (5.7%) \*\*\* < - OKTOBERFEST / MÄRZEN - > – Reddish-brown märzen with a rich caramel profile.

**Winter Brew {S}** (5.7%) \*\*\*\* < - TRADITIONAL / DUNKLER BOCK - > – Smooth and robust seasonal lager.

**Black Bavarian** (5.8%) \*\*\*\*\* < - SCHWARZBIER - > – A high quality, malty, award-winning dark lager with caramel, coffee, and chocolate notes on the tongue.

**Mai Bock {S}** (6.0%) \*\*\* < - MAIBOCK / HELLES BOCK - > – Fruity spring lager with rich hop notes, aged for eight weeks.

- **Occasional and commemorative beers:**

**Mbege Ale** (5.2%) \*\* < - FRUIT BEER - > – Unusual, unfiltered fruit beer brewed with bananas to emulate the Mbege Ale style traditionally brewed in Tanzania and other parts of Eastern Africa.

**Generation Porter** (5.7%) \* \* \* < - BROWN PORTER - >/< - FRUIT BEER - > – Medium-bodied brown porter unusually brewed with raspberry concentrate and Dutch cocoa.

**Shakparo Ale** (5.7%) \* \* \* < - SPECIALTY BEER - > – A light, gluten free beer brewed with sorghum similar to Western African brews.

**India Pale Ale** (7.5%) \* \* \* < - IMPERIAL / DOUBLE IPA - > – Hopped with Chinook, Fuggles, Northern Brewer, and Willamette, this intensely hoppy beer is actually described as a Double or Imperial IPA.

**Dopple Bock** (7.8%) \* \* \* \* < - DOPPELBOCK / EISBOCK - > – Sweet malt complexity is the backbone of this enjoyable beer.

**Piper's** (8.2%) \* \* \* < - WEE HEAVY STRONG SCOTCH - > – Scottish-style 'Wee Heavy', reddish-brown with a little toasted malt and mild hops on the palate.

**Abbey Triple** (8.4%) \* \* < - BELGIAN TRIPEL - > – A light, sweetish tripel. A little harsh in the mouthfeel department.

**Imperial Stout** (8.5%) \* \* \* < - RUSSIAN IMPERIAL STOUT - > – Plenty of dark roasted malt, coffee, chocolate, and licorice can be detected in this very dark brew.

**Bourbon Barrel Doppel Bock** (9.0%) (no rating yet) < - DOPPELBOCK / EISBOCK - >/< - WOOD-AGED BEER - > – An oak and malt monster of a beer.

**Bourbon Barrel Imperial Stout** (9.0%) (no rating yet) < - RUSSIAN IMPERIAL STOUT - >/< - WOOD-AGED BEER - > – Incredibly rich and slick.

**Barley Wine** (9.7%) \* \* \* < - AMERICAN BARLEYWINE - > – Tettnanger hops are used in this deep amber, malty, fruity ale which has caramel and toffee notes plus some vine fruits.

**Bourbon Barrel Scotch Style Ale** (10.0%) \* \* \* \* < - WEE HEAVY STRONG SCOTCH - >/< - WOOD-AGED BEER - > – Very complex beer with a woody feel.

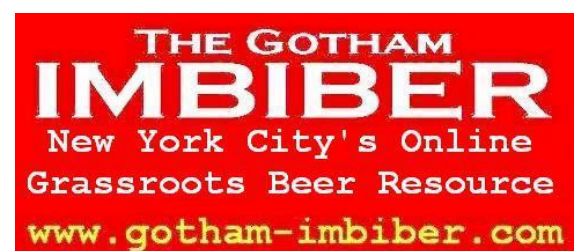
**Bourbon Barrel Barley Wine** (11.0%) \* \* \* < - AMERICAN BARLEYWINE - >/< - WOOD-AGED BEER - > – Aged for five weeks in white oak bourbon barrels for extreme complexity. Port-like.

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<http://www.beermenus.com/breweries/sprecher-brewing-company>

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

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