

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

BREWERY PROFILE

Thiriez

Esquelbecq, France

Situated in rural French Flanders, Daniel Thiriez's rustic little brick-and-beam brewery in the village of Esquelbecq produces ales with an earthy, slightly wild character that recall the early days of farmhouse brewing before there was a border between France and Belgium. M. Thiriez holds a brewing degree from a Belgian university, and commenced production of his beers in 1997.

Importer: [The Shelton Brothers](#)

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

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.

Xtra (aka Frères De La Bière) (4.5%) **** < - SAISON - > – A very lively, assertive golden beer brewed in collaboration with an unspecified English brewery. It is brewed with French malt and hopped exclusively with Bramling Cross grown in Kent; yeast is a Belgian strain. The result is a hoppy session beer with a good bit of the earthy, spicy character of a saison but with the drinkability of an English Best Bitter.

Amber (5.8%) **** < - BIÈRE DE GARDE - > – Reddish-golden farmhouse ale, perfectly balanced, with a fresh hop bitterness and an earthiness with a little pepper.

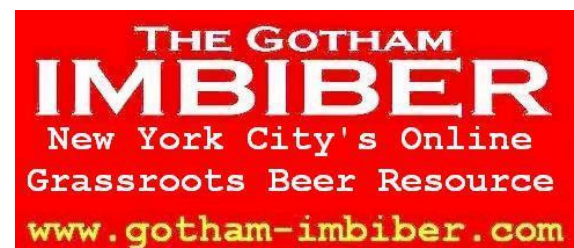
Blonde (6.0%) **** < - SAISON - > – Hazy gold, soft, floral saison that is highly drinkable. The aroma is hoppy.

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<http://www.beermenus.com/breweries/brasserie-thiriez>

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