

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

BREWERY PROFILE

Thomas Hooker Ales & Lagers

Type: Domestic Craft Brewery

55 Bartholomew Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.

Tel. 1 860 951 2739.

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 – Curt Cameron.

Notes: This is an award-winning craft brewery, and a welcome addition to the New York beer scene.

Distance to the brewery from New York City: 121 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.

Blonde Ale (5.1%) *** < - CREAM ALE - > – Easy drinking golden ale with a subtle sweetness.

Irish Red Ale (5.3%) **** < - IRISH RED ALE - > – Ruby colored from an interesting blend of pale, caramel and roasted malts which promote a sweetness that's balanced with crisp, authentic, English-style hops.

Munich Style Golden Lager {S} (5.3%) **** < - MAIBOCK / HELLES BOCK - > – Helles lager with a pleasant, malty aroma balanced by a rich, smooth flavor. Moravian and German malts and a Bavarian lager yeast strain is used to create this smooth and flavorful summer brew, cool fermented and aged for six weeks.

American Pale Ale (5.4%) *** < - AMERICAN PALE ALE - > – Golden ale, big on citrusy hops with a balancing sweetness.

Octoberfest Lager {S} (6.1%) **** < - OKTOBERFEST / MÄRZEN - > – A smooth, malty märzen. Creamy and notably smooth.

Hop Meadow IPA {S} (6.5%) ***** < - AMERICAN IPA - > – Creamy IPA brewed with Chinook and Cascade for a hearty, piney hop experience. Available in winter only.

- **Occasional and commemorative beers:**

Imperial Porter (7.8%) ***** < - ROBUST PORTER - > – Delicious dark brown brew with burnt caramel notes and a massive roasted malt profile, together with a little alcohol warmth. Ideal at cellar temperature.

Liberator (8.0%) ***** < - DOPPELBOCK / EISBOCK - > – Complex doppelbock with Munich, Vienna and Moravian malts blended with dark roasted malts to achieve a top quality rich and creamy brew. Subtly hopped with noble German and Czech hops and cool fermented with a Bavarian lager yeast strain.

Old Marley (10.0%) ***** < - AMERICAN BARLEYWINE - > – American barleywine aged in oak bourbon casks to add vanilla and smoky notes. Extremely complex and full-bodied in flavor, with a noticeable oakiness.

SEE BEER MENUS FOR AVAILABILITY (EXTERNAL LINK)

<http://www.beermenus.com/breweries/thomas-hooker>

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