

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

## BREWERY PROFILE

### Wachusett Brewing Co.

*Type: Domestic Craft Brewery*

175 State Road East, Westminister, MA 01473.

Tel. 1 978 874 9965.

Available in cask? – Not locally.

Available in keg? – Yes.

Available in bottle or can? – Yes.

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

Who's who: President – Ned LaFortune; Brewmaster – Dave Howard.

Notes: Founded 1993 by three college friends at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

*Distance to the brewery from New York City: 209 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.*

**Blueberry** (4.4%) \*\*\* < - FRUIT BEER - > – A light, straw-colored wheat ale with a hint of natural blueberry flavor.

**Summer (aka Summer Breeze)\*** (4.5% estimated) \*\*\* < - AMERICAN PALE WHEAT ALE - > – A light, crisp American wheat ale with a seductive hint of lemon. Very refreshing and easy to drink.

**Quinn's Amber Ale {S}** (4.6%) \*\*\* < - IRISH RED ALE - > – A pleasant, malty, light-bodied golden spring ale.

**Country Ale** (5.0%) \*\*\* < - AMERICAN PALE ALE - > – A light-bodied pale ale with a delicate hop balance, and a slightly sweet malt finish.

**Nut Brown Ale** (5.0% estimated) \*\*\* < - ENGLISH BROWN ALE - > – A very smooth, dark English-style brown ale with a rich malt finish.

**Octoberfest {S}** (5.2%) \*\*\* < - OKTOBERFEST / MÄRZEN - > – Deep copper märzen with a delicate malt balance. Six specialty malts are used in this brew.

**Winter Ale {S}** (5.5% estimated) \*\*\* < - WEE HEAVY STRONG SCOTCH - > – Deep ruby, warming Scottish-style 'Wee Heavy' with spicy hints.

**IPA** (5.6%) \*\*\* < - AMERICAN IPA - > – Crisp, refreshing beer with an aggressive hop character and dry finish.

**Black Shack Porter** (6.0% estimated) \*\*\*\* < - ROBUST PORTER - > – Deep brown with chocolate notes and a roasty finish.

**Green Monsta Ale {S}** (7.3%) \*\*\*\* < - AMERICAN STRONG ALE - > – A strong ale brewed with imported malts, there are notes of toffee and caramel.

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

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