

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

BREWERY PROFILE

Wells and Young's Bedford, U.K. (England)

The recent amalgamation of Charles Wells of Bedford and Youngs of Wandsworth, London, has formed this large regional English brewery. The historic site of Youngs Brewery was sadly sold off for redevelopment, a sign of the times. Since late 2006, Youngs beers have been brewed at Wells' modern Eagle Brewery in Bedford, 50 miles north of London.



Importer: [Belukus Marketing](#)
Distributor:

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.

Dirty Dick's Ale (4.1%) *** < - ENGLISH BEST BITTER - > – Best bitter, discontinued recently but still seen in circulation.

Bombardier (4.3% and 5.2% variants) **** < - ENGLISH BEST BITTER - > or < - EXTRA SPECIAL BITTER (ESB) - > respectively – Challenger and Goldings hops subtly flavor this pale brown beer.

St. George's (4.3% and 5.2% variants) **** < - ENGLISH BEST BITTER - > or < - EXTRA SPECIAL BITTER (ESB) - > respectively – Amber ale with a bitter finish, hopped with Fuggles and Goldings and dry-hopped with the Pilgrim variety.

Ram Rod (5.0%) **** < - EXTRA SPECIAL BITTER (ESB) - > – Copper colored ale, moderately fruity and malty.

Waggledance (5.0%) ** < - ENGLISH PALE ALE - > – Mild and a little buttery. Brewed with South American honey.

Winter Warmer {S} (5.0%) *** < - OLD ALE / WINTER WARMER - > – Ruby winter ale, a little vinous. Brewed with cane sugar and hopped with Goldings and Fuggles.

Banana Bread Beer (5.2%) *** < - HERB, SPICE, OR VEGETABLE BEER - > – Deep gold with, ummm, notes of bread and banana...

Double Chocolate Stout (5.2%) **** < - SWEET STOUT / MILK STOUT - > – An award-winning black beer brewed with dark chocolate and chocolate essence, hopped with Goldings and Fuggles.

Oatmeal Stout (5.2%) **** < - OATMEAL STOUT - > – Smooth and black with roast malt character.

Special London Ale (aka SLA) (6.4%) * * * * < - ENGLISH STRONG ALE - > – Deep golden strong ale brewed with Fuggles and Goldings, and dry-hopped with Target and Goldings. Citrusy hops and malt balance out well.

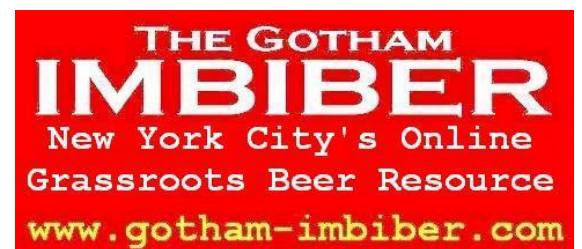
Old Nick (7.2%) * * * * < - ENGLISH BARLEYWINE - > – A reddish-amber barleywine, sweetish but with balancing hops.

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<http://www.beermenus.com/breweries/wells-youngs>

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

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