

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

Westmalle
Malle, Belgium

*Authentic Trappist brewery at Westmalle Abbey, brewing since 1836. Of the seven Trappist breweries in the world, this is the largest. A third beer, **Westmalle Extra** (5.0%) is brewed twice a year and is only usually available to guests of the Abbey. The familiar dubbel and tripel styles possibly originated here before being imitated by other brewers.*

Importer: [Merchant du Vin](#)

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.

Dubbel (7.0%) * * * * < - BELGIAN DUBBEL - > – Dark brown, moderately rich beer with a smooth texture and a little spiciness.

Tripel (9.5%) * * * * * < - BELGIAN TRIPEL - > – Orange-amber with a slightly musty aroma, the taste is a complex mix of fruit, yeast, and warming alcohol. A brewing masterpiece.

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<http://www.beermenus.com/breweries/brouwerij-der-trappisten-van-westmalle>

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