

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

**Weyerbacher Brewing Co.**  
*Type: Domestic Craft Brewery*

905-G Line Street, Easton, PA 18042.

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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 – Dan Weirback; Brewmaster – Chris Wilson.

Notes: Founded in 1995, Weyerbacher produce a diverse range of quality brews – including some delicious oak aged versions.

*Distance to the brewery from New York City: 71 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.*

**Blanche** (5.0%) \*\*\* < - BELGIAN WITBIER - > – Refreshing unfiltered witbier with a mild sweetness.

**Autumn Fest {S}** (5.4%) \*\*\* < - OKTOBERFEST / MÄRZEN - > – Slightly roasty and fruity Oktoberfest.

**Winter Ale {S}** (5.6%) \*\*\* < - OLD ALE / WINTER WARMER - > – Winter Warmer brewed with deep-roasted chocolate malt. There's a warm, roasty flavor, balanced out with a smooth, slightly dry finish.

**Hops Infusion** (6.2%) \*\*\*\* < - AMERICAN IPA - > – Amber ale hopped with seven varieties – Simcoe, Magnum, Cascade, Liberty, Saaz, Fuggles and East Kent Goldings.

**Muse** (6.2%) \*\*\* < - SAISON - > – Hazy copper saison with a nice yeast spiciness, brewed with raw wheat and oats, and hopped with Styrian Goldings (bittering) and Saaz (aroma).

**Imperial Pumpkin Ale {S}** (8.0%) \*\*\*\* < - PUMPKIN BEER - > – Very hearty, spicy, seasonal brew with clove, nutmeg, and cinnamon notes.

**Old Heathen** (8.0%) \*\*\*\* < - RUSSIAN IMPERIAL STOUT - > – Black, chocolatey Russian Imperial Stout, very smooth and dangerously drinkable.

**Heresy** (8.0%) \*\*\*\* < - RUSSIAN IMPERIAL STOUT - > / < - WOOD-AGED BEER - > – Old Heathen aged in oak bourbon barrels.

**Raspberry Imperial Stout** (8.0%) \*\*\*\* < - RUSSIAN IMPERIAL STOUT - > / < - FRUIT BEER - > – Dark and rich with a hint of raspberry flavor.

**Scotch Ale {S}** (8.7%) \*\*\* < - WEE HEAVY STRONG SCOTCH - > – Malty and roasty on the palate, and with distinctive caramel notes.

**Simcoe Double IPA** (9.0%) \* \* \* \* \* < - IMPERIAL / DOUBLE IPA - > – Very boldly hopped, citrusy, piney beer. Outstanding but not for the weak of palate. A showcase for the resinous Simcoe hop variety.

**Merry Monks** (9.3%) \* \* \* \* < - BELGIAN TRIPEL - > – Zesty Belgian tripel brewed with pilsner malt, fruit and spices come out on the tongue.

**Prophecy** (9.3%) \* \* \* < - BELGIAN TRIPEL - > / < - WOOD-AGED BEER - > – Merry Monks aged in oak bourbon barrels.

**Blithering Idiot** (11.1%) \* \* \* \* < - ENGLISH BARLEYWINE - > – English-style barleywine with notes of date and fig on the palate, the finish is warm and fruity. Malty aroma. Best after being cellared for a couple of years.

**Insanity** (11.1%) \* \* \* \* \* < - ENGLISH BARLEYWINE - > / < - WOOD-AGED BEER - > – Blithering Idiot aged in oak bourbon barrels.

**Quad** (11.8%) \* \* \* \* < - BELGIAN BARLEYWINE / QUAD - > – Dark brown, very complex Belgian-style barleywine (or Quadrupel) which cellars well.

**Blasphemy** (11.8%) \* \* \* \* \* < - BELGIAN BARLEYWINE / QUAD - > / < - WOOD-AGED BEER - > – Quad aged in bourbon barrels. A very complex brew to be sipped.

- **Occasional and commemorative beers:**

**Alpha** (6.2%) (no rating yet) < - BELGIAN PALE ALE - > – The first in a series of one-off 'Brewer's Choice' beers, hard to find.

**Black Hole** (7.0%) \* \* \* \* < - ROBUST PORTER - > – Medium-bodied dark ale with molasses and chocolate notes, brewed with Blackstrap Molasses.

**Riserva** (8.0%) \* \* \* \* < - SPONTANEOUSLY FERMENTED ALE (WILD ALE) (SOUR) - > – Hazy dark purple, moderately tart, fruity beer fermented with Brettanomyces yeast and aged with red raspberry puree in oak barrels for over a year.

**Twelve** (10.2%) \* \* \* < - AMERICAN BARLEYWINE - > / < - AMERICAN RYE BEER - > – The 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary brew is a unique barleywine brewed with 50% rye malt and hopped with Magnum. Citrus, vanilla, and a little astringency from the rye feature. Cellaring this beer for some time is recommended.

**Eleven** (11.7%) \* \* \* < - IMPERIAL / DOUBLE IPA - > – 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary brew. Earthy, slightly astringent and extremely hoppy.

**Decadence** (13.0%) \* \* \* \* < - AMERICAN STRONG ALE - > – Spicy, sweetish dark amber strong ale brewed with honey, cardamom, and gentian. Brewed to commemorate the brewery's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

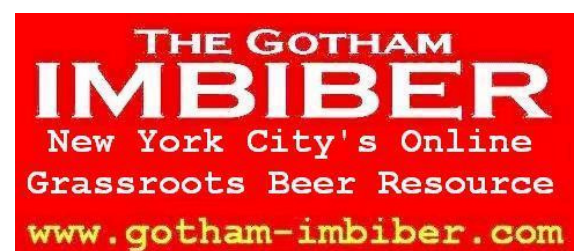
**Thirteen** (13.6%) (no rating yet) < - AMERICAN DOUBLE STOUT - > – A huge hybrid anniversary stout with Belgian influences. July 2008 release.

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

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