

Westbier Imports – Product Guide



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## **Brasserie St Feuillien - Belgium**

St. Feuillien is a family owned brewery founded in 1873 and located in the town of Le Roeulx – southwest of Brussels in Belgium. It is currently run by the fourth generation of the Friart family on the original site of the Abbey of Premonteres (now Abbaye St-Feuillien du Roeulx).

The brewery is the producer of several international award winning beers. The full product line includes a Blonde, Triple, Brune, Saison, Grand Cru, a Noel, and a line of fruit and wit beers under the Grisette label.



### **St Feuillien Triple**

The Triple is a medium to full bodied Belgian Triple. On the nose there is a definite fruity aroma that also carries honey, spice, and typical Belgian yeast aromatics. Flavors include a mélange of malts, apricot/peach/banana, spice, and Belgian yeast. Compared to other Belgian Triples it is crisp and dry, less yeasty, and very refreshing. Winner of Gold for Belgian Triple at Barcelona Beer Challenge 2016.

Ratebeer 97/99. ABV of 8.5%. Available in 330ml bottles, case of 24.

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### **St Feuillien Brune**

The Brune is a classic example of a Belgian Abbey Dubbel, malty and fruity, with a good dose of caramel and a touch of spice. It is somewhat sweet and rich, with medium to full body.

Ratebeer 92/97. ABV is 8.5%. Available in 330ml bottles, case of 24.

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### **St Feuillien Saison**

This beer is a great example of style in the hard to define Farmhouse/Saison category. It is crisp and fruity, yeasty and tangy, and quite refreshing. Well known worldwide, it won Gold at the Barcelona Beer Challenge in 2016 and Silver at the European Beer Star in 2015.

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### **St Feullien Cuvée de Noël**

The Noël is one of the best winter beers in Belgium. It is produced annually as a vintage product and is generally available after September. The beer is creamy and warm with a big malt and toffee presence and lots of spice. Brewed for cellaring.

Ratebeer 95/97. ABV of 9%. Available in 750ml bottles - case of 12 and 30 litre key kegs.

## **Abbaye des Rocs - Belgium**

Located in Montignies-sur-Rocs in Hainaut province near the French border this very small family run brewery (less than 2000 hl annually) started commercial operation in 1979 and is located on the original site of the Abbaye des Rocs. Some of the buildings date from the original abbey and water is still drawn from the original source on the abbey grounds.

Run by Nathalie Eloir, one of the few women brewsters in Belgium, the brewery focuses on artisanal products using original recipes that have been handed down through generations. A number of dark, complex, Abbey style beer are brewed in a traditional manner along with a number of lighter blondes and witbiers.



### **Abbaye des Rocs Brune**

The Brune is an incredibly big, malty, Abbey style beer made with seven types of malts and three different hops. To the nose there are rich aromas of warm spice, dark roasted malts, dark pitted fruit, and raisins. Flavors are of toffee, dark cherries, dates, and spice. There is an inherent sweetness, but of interest, no sugar is added during production.

Ratebeer 100. ABV is 9%. Available in 330ml bottles, case of 24.

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### **Abbaye des Rocs Grand Cru**

The Grand Cru is also a big malty, Abbey style beer. Not to be outdone by the Brune it is also very complex, with more dark fruit, cherries, and caramel in the mix plus hints of licorice and tobacco to make thing interesting. Smooth and medium to full bodied.

Ratebeer 100. ABV is 9.5%. Available in 750ml bottles, case of 12.

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### **Abbaye des Rocs Triple Imperiale**

The Triple Imperiale is a big Belgian Dark Strong Ale. It is malty, soft, full bodied, and sweet. There is definite dark fruit and malts to the nose, and the flavors carry these along with a good dose of caramel, a bit of orange/citrus and a hint of chocolate. A good paring as an appetizer or with a desert.

Ratebeer 99. ABV is 10%. Available in 750ml bottles, case of 12.

## **Bockor Brouwerij (Brouwerij VanderGhinste)**

Located in Bellegems in West Flanders near the French border, this one hundred year old brewery is one of the few remaining family run breweries still brewing Flanders sours using traditional spontaneous fermentation and barrel aged methods.



### **Cuvée des Jacobins Rouge**

Cuvée des Jacobins Rouge is a Flanders Sour Red Ale, garnet red in color with a balance of malty sweetness and acidic sharpness. The characteristics of the beer are a result of spontaneous fermentation and an 18 month aging in French oak cognac barrels. The beer has a strong aroma of oak and flavors of sour cherries, vanilla, and fruit abound. Bronze medal (Belgian and French Ales) 2015 Vancouver Magazine Craft Beer Awards. Gold Medal winner for Best Wood Aged Beer at the World Beer Awards.

Ratebeer 99. ABV is 5.5%. Available in 330ml bottles, case of 24.

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### **VanderGhinste Oud Bruin**

This Flanders Oud Bruin was the first beer brewed by Bockor in 1892 and is a regional product that can only be brewed in Southern West-Flanders. The aroma is dark fruit and wood, and the taste is characterized by a balance of fruitiness and a soft tartness. Ultimately tart and refreshing, the Oud Bruin won a gold medal in the category “Oud Bruin” at the World Beer Awards.

Ratebeer 84 ABV is 5.5%. Available in 250ml bottles, case of 24.

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# Brekeriet - Sweden

Brekeriet is the three brothers Ek; Christian, Andre, and Fredrick who focus on tank and barrel fermented Brett and sour beer. Starting in 2010 they have produced some incredible beers and generated a lot of buzz in Europe. In 2017, the guys moved to a new location north of Malmo which offered room for expansion, and more barrels and foeders. The Vild series was initiated utilizing the available foeders; producing one time collaborations and extending the ability to produce more of the incredible Cassis and other classics.



### **Cassis – Vild Series**

Back as part of the Vild series, the Cassis is a sour ale mainly fermented with Brettanomyces. Black currants are added during the secondary fermentation and Brett loves berries.... Big, thick flavors of tart cranberries, currants, and raspberries.

Ratebeer 98. ABV is 5.4%. Available in 375 ml bottle - case of 15.

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### **Brekeriet Sour & Salt**

This is the Brekeriet Gose equivalent brewed with salt and coriander, and fermented as a sour. Crisp and refreshing. Tangy and salty. Nice flavors of lemons, coriander/spice and wheaty malts.

Ratebeer 90. ABV is 4.5%. Available in 330ml bottles, case of 24.

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### **Brekeriet Purple Rain**

Purple Rain was also part of the original Berliner Weisse series, and is also now in regular production. So good it made the top 50 Ratebeer for style... Blackcurrants and passion fruit provide a depth and fruitiness not typical of the style. Nice and tart.

Ratebeer 97. ABV is 5.3%. Available in 330ml bottles - case of 24, and 20 L kegs.

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### Brekeriet Pink Passion



Pink Passion is one of the original Brekeriet Berliner Weisse. Brewed as part of a special series it was well received in Europe and now is now in regular production. Brewed with passionfruit and hibiscus flowers there is a nice soft fruitiness, a lemony tartness, and light floral notes. Of significant note - it's gluten free!

Ratebeer 97. ABV is 4.7%. Available in 330ml bottles - case of 24, and 20L kegs

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### Berliner Raz



Another in the Berliner Weisse series, Raz is fermented with raspberries, vanilla beans, lactobacillus and Brett. Pours a cloudy pink. Aromas of raspberry ice cream, tart red berries, and wheat. Flavors of sour berries leaning towards raspberries. Mouth puckering and huge for a Berliner! Also in the top 50 Ratebeer for style.

Ratebeer 97. ABV is 5.3%. Available in 330ml bottles - case of 24, and 20L kegs.

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### Berliner Spazz



And another in the Berliner Weisse series, Spazz is fermented with passionfruit, vanilla, lactobacillus and Brett. Take the Raz and substitute passionfruit. Lighter in color with notes of passionfruit, peach, limes and melons. Also big and mouth puckering, and also in the top 50 Ratebeer for style.

Ratebeer 99. ABV is 5.3%. Available in 330ml bottles - case of 24.

## Verzet - Belgium

Brouwerij 't Verzet is a relatively new brewery located just outside Kortrijk in Belgium that specializes in Flanders style ales. The brewery started as a post university project of 3 friends in 2011 and came fully into life in 2016. The guys have set the facility up with dozens of barrels and several foeders in which to practice their art.



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### **Oud Bruin Oak Leaf**

Very unique, the Oak Leaf is matured in barrels with the addition of oak leaves. The tartness of the base beer is strongly present at the start, but is followed by a complex blend of wood and red fruit. Very dry. Continues to soften with age.

Ratebeer 96. ABV of 6%. Available in 750 ml bottles, case of 12, and 20 litre key kegs.

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### **Oud Bruin Cherry**

The Cherry is Verzet's Kriek. Cherries are added for secondary barrel fermentation resulting in aromas and flavors of red, ripe cherries with a hint of almonds. Tart as expected but wonderfully balanced.

Ratebeer 94. ABV of 6%. Available in 750 ml bottles - case of 12, and 20 litre key kegs.

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### **Oud Bruin Raspberry**

And the Raspberry is Verzet's Framboise... This time raspberries are added for secondary barrel fermentation resulting in massive aromas and flavors of ripe raspberries, Concorde grapes and other green berries. Tart with an almost salty finish. First time brewed in 2017.

Ratebeer 97. ABV of 6%. Available in 330 ml bottles – case of 24.

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### **Oud Bruin Strawberry**

New to the series, Strawberry is a bit milder than the other variants though still quite tart. Aromas and flavors of soft fresh strawberries, doughy malts, oak, and green berries. Unique for an Oud Bruin.

Ratebeer TBD. ABV of 6%. Available in 330 ml bottles, case of 24.



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### **Banjo Funeral**

Originally a collaboration beer with Burial in N. Carolina, Verzet has been brewing this Quad for a while now. Very different from their sours, this beer demonstrates brewing ability in Belgian style. Banjo Funeral is a solid dark ale with notes of chocolate, caramel, and licorice. All with a slight smoky twist.

Ratebeer 93. ABV of 9%. Available in 330 ml bottles, case of 24

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# Siren - United Kingdom

Located outside of Reading, west of London, Siren has grown since its birth in 2013 into one of the UK's best and diverse craft breweries. Named the 'Best Brewer in England' by Ratebeer in 2015, and presented the Supreme Champion Beer of Britain award by CAMRA in 2018, the brewery has gone on to win several awards for individual beers.



### **Maiden 2018**

Maiden is Siren's annual Barley Wine, after barrel aging the 2018 vintage is now available. Pours a very dark mahogany with perfect full foamy head. Aromas of dark toffee and burnt sugar, raisins, rich sweet malts and old oak. Flavours of rich dusty caramel, old sweet bourbon, oak and vanilla. Sweet not harsh. Beautiful.

Ratebeer 97. ABV of 11.3%. Available in 375 ml bottles, case of 12

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### **Odyssey 009**

Odyssey 009 is a blend of sherry and bourbon barrel-aged Imperial Stouts and a red wine barrel-aged Saison, inoculated with brett and lactic-acid bacteria. The beer has a complex blend of flavours: dark fruity acidity, roasted nutty chocolate and a rounded caramel/toffee finish. A small addition of Brazilian coffee accentuates the sweetness. Neat.

Ratebeer 95. ABV of 11.7%. Available in 375 ml bottles, case of 12.

## **Brouwerij Kees - the Netherlands**

Kees Bubberman, the Emelisse brewer of fame, has his own brewery! Same philosophy as before – great base beer with barrel variants. And just like Emelisse, Kees is getting great reviews. He is so successful it's a challenge getting his beers. But worth it when available!



### **Caramel Fudge Stout**

Dark rich chocolatey fudge. And a ton of it... Lots of dusty dark chocolate, sweet rich coffee and cream, vanilla, and sweet roasted malts with a little spice. Slick, almost syrupy. An Imperial chocolate explosion and a decadent dessert beer.

Ratebeer 99. ABV is 11.5%. Available in 330ml cans, case of 24.

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### **Caramel Fudge Stout – Pedro Ximenez Barrel Aged Edition**

How to make the CFS better? Barrel Age it. A subtle fruity sweetness and vinous notes are added by the sherry barrel, but the rich fudgy chocolateness is still kick-ass.

Ratebeer 99. ABV is 11.5%. Available in 330ml cans, case of 24.

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### **Project 19.10**

19.10 is a Barley Wine aged in Heaven Hills bourbon barrels. Aromas of bourbon, dried fruit, and caramel. Flavors of toffee, dark fruit, and sweet bourbon. Smooth and ready to

Ratebeer 95. ABV is 11.2%. Available in 330ml cans, case of 24.

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### **Project 19.11**

19.11 is a dark Barley Wine aged in Knockando scotch barrels. Big and boozy with a strong barrel presence, and very characteristic of Kees scotch barrel projects. In addition to the whisky there are notes of caramel, vanilla, spice and dark fruit.

Ratebeer 88. ABV is 10%. Available in 330ml cans, case of 24.

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### American Barley Wine



Lighter than Kees' previous behemoths, this barley wine is still big and full, and also worthy of cellaring. Malty and sweet when young, there are a multitude of flavors including rich caramel, oranges, ripe fruit, and vanilla.

Ratebeer 98. ABV is 11.5%. Available in 330ml cans, case of 24.

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### Export Porter 1750



Don't get fooled by the name – this is really a Russian Imperial Stout, and just as good if not better than some of Kees' previous stouts. Big and complex. Smooth and slightly warming. Bittersweet with roasted malts, caramel, dark chocolate, black coffee, licorice and molasses. Yummy. Top notch.

Ratebeer 98. ABV is 10.5%. Available in 330ml cans, case of 24.

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# Amager - Denmark

Amager is a small Danish craft brewer noted for incredible and sometimes zany beers, ranging from hoppy West Coast IPAs, to big thick stouts. Several great collaborations with other European and US breweries are regularly produced. Started by brewers Morten Valentin Lundsbak and Jacob Storm in 2007, a full brewery opened just outside Copenhagen on the island of Amager in 2011.

### **Hr. Frederiksen**



Named after a friend of the brewery this beer is pitch-black and full-bodied with lots of dry roasted malt, dark berries, and sweet dark chocolate. Here's what the guys say: "...this beer is an Imperial Stout that is said to resemble its namesake's "pitch-black humor" and powerful personality. Modeled after an American style, it is dense and creamy, with a light brown head that leaves a delicate lace in the glass." Eight different malts are used for color and texture, and Centennial hops balance the roasty bitterness, while adding floral, fruity aromas.

Ratebeer 100. ABV of 10.5%. Available in 330 ml bottles, case of 24

## La Sirene – Australia

La Sirène began as a response to a calling to create modern day artisanal farmhouse-style beers in Australia, with character and identity, which quickly evolved into a life-long obsession. Starting as a gypsy brewer in the Victorian Highlands, the artisan brewing adventures swiftly led to creating a unique Urban Farmhouse Brewery next door to the Darebin Creek & National Park in the inner-city of Melbourne.

### **Paradoxe**



Paradoxe is a lively and lifting beer that encompasses an in-house natural souring method combined with a lovely Farmhouse style ale and local Australian hop flowers. The result is a highly drinkable pale-colored sour ale that is refreshing and great with food. Aromas of tropical fruits, particularly pineapple and green mango, followed by the aromatics from the local hops emerging as white wine and melon characters. Flavors of a fresh white wine, with classic grape characters but also juicy and tangy green fruits.

Ratebeer 93. ABV of 4.8%. Available in 375 ml bottles, case of 12.

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### **Saison**



The Saison is a tribute to the classic Belgian farmhouse ale. It pours a deep golden orange and follows with aromas of wild fruits. Complex rustic flavors of spice and a little funk combine perfectly with a dry crisp finish. The Saison is a winner of multiple awards in Australia...

Ratebeer 98. ABV of 6.5%. Available in 375 ml bottles, case of 12.

## Hanssens Artisanaal – Belgium

Hanssens Artisanaal is a very small, traditional lambic blendery located in Dworp, Belgium. It is a family run operation that is one of the oldest lambic blenders in Belgium. They have been blending since 1871! The family has continued to focus on the traditional Lambic and Gueuze styles while also recently experimenting with various new fruited Lambics and a Mead/Gueuze blend. The initial Westbier selection includes the classics.



### **Oude Gueuze**

As with all Gueuzes, this is a mixture of several vintages. A second fermentation takes place inside the bottle, which is stored for a minimum of six months. The result is refreshingly fruity. The Oude Gueuze pours a hazy copper with a light head. Aromas of barnyard and citrus. Flavors of sour peach candies, additional stoned fruit, citrus, and tart wheat.

Ratebeer 98. ABV of 6%. Available in 375 ml bottles, case of 24.

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### **Oude Kriek**

The Oude Kriek is a blended black cherry lambic of different ages with a second fermentation in the bottle. Pours a deep red with lots of sharp black cherries in the aromas and flavors. Crisp, with a light body. Oh...It has a thirty year Best Before. Definitely a cellarable lambic that will evolve over time.

Ratebeer 97. ABV of 6%. Available in 375 ml bottles, case of 24.

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# Sori – Estonia

Sori Brewing and its two founders Pyry and Heikki split time between the brewery in Tallinn Estonia and taproom in Helsinki Finland. Perfect for the Westbier portfolio these guys manage an extraordinary big beer and barrel program, including Baltic Porters, Imperial Stouts, and Barley Wines.

### Dark Humor Club



“DHC” is the core beer used as a base for a number of great barrel aged variants. It’s a sweet, dessert-like Imperial Stout with loads of flavor. Cocoa nibs, hundreds of Bourbon vanilla pods, and espresso make this a liquid mocha cake. To be enjoyed with a dessert or chocolate.

Ratebeer 94. ABV is 8.0%. Available in 330ml bottles, case of 24.

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### Dark Humor Club PX Sherry BA



The latest DHC variant is aged in Pedro Ximénez Sherry barrels. Aromas are of nutty creamy chocolate, spice, and brownies. Flavors are rich nougat, chocolate, vanilla, cinnamon, cherries and creamy roasted malts.

Ratebeer 97. ABV is 10.0%. Available in 330ml bottles, case of 24.

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### Coffee Gorilla



Coffee Gorilla is a gluten free Baltic Porter with espresso. This lager style beer is tasty, with lots of flavors, including sweet roasted malts, dark chocolate, coffee, dark sugar, nuts, and a little spice. Hard to believe it is gluten free.

Ratebeer 93. ABV is 7.0%. Available in 330ml bottles, case of 24.

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### Anniversary Barley Wine 2019



The latest Anniversary is a barley wine aged nearly a year in elegant cognac barrels. Pouring a beautiful red brown, it’s rich with dark fruit, honey and caramel notes balanced with oak and cognac. Cellarable.

Ratebeer 99. ABV is 11/2%. Available in 330ml bottles, case of 24.