

ACHEL EXTRA

Brown Ale brewed by Trappist Monks

brewery: Saint Benedictus Abbey of Achel

location: Achel, Belgium

beer style: Trappist Bruin

alcohol by volume: 9.5%

format: 12 x 750 ml

The Saint Benedictus Abbey of Achel is the first monastery to take up brewing in Belgium since 1931, and is now one of only six working Trappist breweries there. Monks nurtured and preserved the world's great brewing traditions through the dark times of the Middle Ages and on into the Renaissance, and they continue to brew some of the best beers anywhere – beers with integrity, beers without compromise. Achel is one of only two brewing monasteries where the monks continue to take a daily hand in the brewing (the other is Westvleteren) and is considered by many to be the best Trappist brewery in operation today.

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POINTS

Achel Extra, the latest offering from the monastery, is a rich, incredibly flavorful bottle-conditioned brown ale. It serves as a reminder of what the Trappist beers have stood for in the past, before rampant commercialization laid low some of the most famous and revered monastic ales of Belgium. The Extra was easily the highest-rated Trappist beer at the World Beer Championships, taking 97 Points and a Platinum Medal in May 2004.

