

# Trappist

## The "Trappist" Label



## A beer to believe in

**O**n the beer market, we have seen the arrival of a huge number of products claiming to be of 'religious' origin, but which have no roots in the monasteries.

It is against this background that eight Trappist Abbeys – 6 Belgian (Orval, Chimay, Westvleteren, Rochefort, Westmalle and Achel), 1 Dutch (Tegelen) and 1 German (Mariawald) – decided to create the 'International Trappist Association' and offer their products under the joint, hexagonal logo of "Authentic Trappist Product".



This logo certifies that the product in question was produced in a Trappist Abbey under the supervision and responsibility of the Trappist religious community and that the majority of the revenue generated by the sale of these products are used for charitable work.

Only six beers in the whole world are authorised to bear the "Authentic Trappist Product" label and all six are produced in Belgium: Chimay, Orval, Rochefort, Westmalle, Westvleteren and Achel.

### **The Trappist beers adhere to 3 strict conditions:**

- the beer must be brewed within a Trappist Abbey
- the beer must be brewed under the supervision and responsibility of the monks
- the majority of the revenue must be dedicated to charitable work

## The origin of the name 'Trappist'



The Cistercian monasteries are divided into two great Orders, of which one is historically attached to the Abbey of La Grande Trappe, in Normandy. From here originates the popular name of "Trappists".



*Father Theodore in his brewing room in 1988.*