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fermenter-maturation tanks and soon will be bottled for take-away sales.

**OCR Pilsener (4.8 per cent)** The full-bodied palate holds fruity malt notes and Saaz hops add a grassy aroma and some bite in the dry finish. The only filtered beer on the menu.

**Acres of Wheat (4.4 per cent)** Although it's a Hefeweizen based on Bavarian style, this sweet, creamy, refreshing drop is notable for a Belgian-like hint of cloves and underlying sharpness.

**Harris Bitter Ale (3.7 per cent)** An English-style, tank-conditioned real ale which is hopped not only with Northern Brewer but aromatic

The heavy, huge head adds a big stone-fruit smell, then luxurious coffee and chocolate fills the mouth, rounded off with superb bitter balance.

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## ALE TALE

### Bluebottle Beer (4.3 per cent)

The makers of this Australian lager say they're "driven by our belief that beer has the same opportunity as wine to complement food flavours" — in this case, any seafood dish. Indeed, Fusion Brewing says there's "a touch of citrus from fresh lemon juice to enhance the flavours of the sea". Purists would argue the same effect can come from certain hops.

Former chef and author Matthew Evans and master brewer Brian Watson helped design Bluebottle Beer and Fusion Brewing makes a donation from every case sold to OceanWatch Australia to promote sustainable fishing practices.

Bluebottle was judged best lager at The Australian Beer Awards in Sydney.

What's it like? Clean, fairly crisp, usual premium lager white head and gold colour, medium in length, just a hint of lemon.

There's a jellyfish on the label but no sting in the beer. Bluebottle is sold at more than 30 outlets in WA, priced at about \$65 for a 24 x 30ml case and \$17-\$19 per six-pack.

