

**Little Creatures Bright Ale
Australia ★★★★★**

Very interesting fruity hop notes to the nose and more of the same on the palate, with quite a drying finish.



**Barossa Valley
Brewing Organic Ale
Australia ★★★1/2**

"Smells like a fruit pie," suggested one judge. Quite a dry, fruity hop palate with good mouthfeel and nice sweetness on the finish.

pilsner

9 TASTED
3 RECOMMENDED

"It's all about the hops!" said one judge. "And the balance and the mouthfeel - with malt playing second fiddle." There were a few excellent examples but others were either too sulphidic or resinous.



**Aldi Stores Kaiserdom
Pilsener German ★★★★★**

Light straw in colour, with a clean, refreshing and inviting hoppy nose that leads onto a delightful clean, crisp palate that exhibits sweet malt flavours and a powerful after-bitterness. Delightful drink.

**Macs Brewery
Hop Rocker Pilsner
New Zealand ★★★★★1/2**

In beautiful condition, with big, hoppy aromas abounding. Palate full of powerful, fruity hop flavours mingling with a delicate nuance of sweet malt. Good clean bitterness at the end.



**Aldi Stores Schloss
International Premium
Pils German ★★★1/2**

Slight vegetal/fruity characters to the nose, and mid-weight pilsner palate with a drying finish.

bitter beer

3 TASTED
1 RECOMMENDED

One excellent bitter beer showing great intensity and interpretation!

**Mac's Brewery
Sassy Red Best Bitter
New Zealand ★★★★★**

Lifted, smoky malt aromas combine seamlessly with some lovely fruity hops. Scrumptious, up-front roasted/smoky flavours with a big, bitter and seriously dry ending that lingers on and on.

australian lagers

11 TASTED
4 RECOMMENDED

Eclectic range of interestingly diverse styles. There were the traditional Aussie lagers with freshness and up-front maltiness with hop bitterness to balance, right through to the almost British full-flavoured bitter hop styles.



**Fusion Brewing Bluebottle
Beer Australia ★★★★★**

Great example of the style. Very attractive, fresh and inviting nose with a strong hoppy note. Palate shows an excellent balance between sweet, fruity and malty flavours.

**James Squire Sundown
Lager Australia ★★★★★**

Lots of hoppy fruitiness on the nose, sitting more in the tropical fruit spectrum. Interesting palate that one judge suggested was almost sauvignon blanc-like.

day 1 & 2 - judges



Dr. Paul Gooding
Senior scientist at the Australian Genome Research facility, a keen home brewer and Co-host of the "Wheattie Whiskey" tasting programme at the Wheatshaf Hotel. He has also carried out research on the enzymes involved in barley malting quality.



Craig Schiller
Licensee/brewer for 'Holdfast Hotel Brewpub', an SA amateur brewing competition. Has spent 20 years in hospitality and as a microbrewer.



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