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THE attraction of wine is that each vintage has its own characteristics, depending on a whole host of variables.

Brewers on the other hand aim for a consistency with each batch that establishes their brand and style.

It's therefore interesting that some major Australian winemakers are tapping into

the increasing market for boutique beers.

Now de Bortoli, the Griffith winemakers have joined the brewing fraternity with their William Bull Brewing range.

They clearly have beef eaters in mind and their Red Angus Pilsener, a sample of which recently crossed the

beer editor's desk, is a nice start.

Described as a 'grain-fed Pilsner', with five malted grains and three different hops, it's full strength at 4.8 per cent. Fruity on the nose, solid and bitter on the palate, it's the first of a range of promised brews from this long-established family company.



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