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RAY KENT, 22
Biero co-manager

Favourite beer?
 Brewdog 5AM Saint
 (from Scotland).

Favourite local?
 Cookie in Swanston St.

Signature cocktail?
 Don't know names, just give
 me any.

Beer cheers

Go out

BIERO

525 Little Lonsdale St
Ph: 9600 0940
www.bierobar.com

Hours: Mon-Sat; 11am-1am.
Drink prices: Beers from
 \$6.50, wines from \$8.
Drink selection: More than
 80 beers and 30 wines.

There's a new watering hole in town and it is breaking new ground – not only in this city, but the world.

Biero has introduced to the world what it calls Beervaults.

Where the typical venue dispenses beer only from bottles or taps, Biero can also give you a sample of the world's most extravagant boutique beers – at a fraction of the usual price.

The more expensive boutique beers are generally available only by the bottle and, given the higher prices associated with these beers, you are left with more than a sour taste in your mouth if it is not what you were after.

Beervault technology extracts beer from the bottle and into an in-built reservoir which maintains the beer's freshness.

It then dispenses the drink into a small sampling glass, allowing you to taste the drop at a fraction of the price before

deciding if you want to purchase the full bottle.

The remainder of the bottle then stays fresh for more than three days inside the Beervault, meaning Biero can essentially have any beer in the world fresh and on tap within minutes.

Of course Biero is not all about the vaults – the rest of the venue is custom made for having a good time.

And without restricting itself to one genre of music, beer lovers and groovers can easily find themselves at home.

Biero means beer in Esperanto, the wannabe universal language.

And, like the language, Biero's beer selection is designed to speak to all tastes and cultures – if you don't know what you are after, flick through Biero's encyclopedia of beer.

It's only weeks old, but Biero looks a winner.

– MATT WINDLEY



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INVICTUS

Warner Brothers (PG) \$30

★★

A recently elected Nelson Mandela (the excellent Morgan Freeman) uses the 1995 Rugby World Cup to unite post-apartheid South Africa. Extras include a featurette which strokes Matt Damon's ego.



HB

I SAY TOMATO

Katie Wall (Scribe) \$24.95

★★★★☆

Light-hearted, but full of new things to learn, this book could be consumed whole, in one sitting. Revealing Australian-isms to Hollywood, while trying to remain true to herself, Sunny flips herself the right side up in the end. Cute and entertaining, it leaves you looking forward to more from Wall.



NC

COOKING DIRTY: LIFE, LOVE AND DEATH IN THE KITCHEN

Jason Sheehan (Atlantic Books) \$35

★★★★☆

Far from the glitz of *MasterChef*, Sheehan takes us to the grimy reality behind America's diners and chain restaurants. Feel the heat of the grill, taste the dripping grease, and sample the uneasy calm before the adrenalin rush of dinner time.



RM

ORGANIC SHIRAZ 2008

Re Wine, \$14 (\$12 refill)

★★★

Bottled on the spot, then refilled at Queen Vic or Preston markets, this Barossa shiraz is tasty for your conscience and palate. Best reason to go organic? The blackberry notes linger longer than the hangover. **NC**



■ **Reviews by Henry Budd, Nicole Cleary and Ross McGravie**