

Breweries

OUR FAVOURITES

- **Little Creatures, Fremantle**
- **Colonial Brewing, Margaret River**
- **Bootleg Brewery, Willyabrup**
- **Feral Brewing, Baskerville**
- **Ironbark Brewery, Caversham**



TOP PICK: IRONBARK BREWERY CAVERSHAM

Rustic Ironbark brewery begs mention for owner-brewer Graeme White's feat in making a vision become reality. His enthusiastic beers — pilseners, lambic-style cherry ale, brown ale and a wonderful non-alcoholic ginger beer — have attained polished style. We've nominated Ironbark for three reasons: Mr White's perseverance, sacrifice and study in single-handedly building the place, including designing the brewhouse; his devotion to honest Aussie values which comes through in his brews; and, perhaps the decider, his Swan Valley brewery is the most engaging, easygoing, welcoming and downright comfortable of all the microbrewing venues. But Little Creatures in Fremantle also deserves a mention. It just gets commercially bigger: it exports Pale Ale, has been boosted by a share float, is expanding further and is the current Australasian Champion Brewery for four classy beers crafted with hop flowers. A loyal following keeps the Mews Road brew-restaurant buzzing. We also love Bootleg Brewery in Willyabrup. With its beautiful lakeside site and the first brewery in a wine-dominated region, Bootleg has maintained an enviable standard and reputation for 11 years. Fine beers brewed and perfected by Michael Brooks for the past seven years or so make for an excellent brewery experience.

