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Beer of the week



YOU have to wonder where this penchant for putting kitchen spreads in beer will end. Surely Vegemite Beer, the ultimate Australian drink, is not far away.

For the moment, though, honey reigns as the beer flavour of choice, with yet another one hitting the market: Bee Sting.

Unlike the similarly titled Beez Neez, in which the sweetness gets a bit cloying after eight or nine pints, the hint of honey in Bee Sting is subtle enough to make it a real session beer.

Still, we're reliably informed that a bee has to visit 25,000 flowers just to get enough honey for one bottle of Bee Sting.

Produced by the newly formed Barossa Valley Brewing, which operates out of one of the area's oldest wineries, Chateau Yaldara, the micro-brewed Bee Sting is a real thirst quencher on a hot day.