

part one. Gloucestershire's Wickwar brewery has started a "counter-culture" range, the first of which is Bankers Draft, with an anarchist symbol representing the "A" in draft and a label featuring a crime scene outline of a murder victim with a briefcase.

"Unlike the behaviour of our bankers at the moment, this beer is very easily-swallowed," quips the blurb.

## Lock up your grandmothers

The BBC food website is catching up with the craft brewing revolution, specifically that of Italy, currently the hot property in beer circles.

Food writer Emily Angle notes that the country's craft brewers' freedom from strangulating brewing tradition allows them to create beers with unusual ingredients such as myrrh, pomegranate, black rice and clams.

Birra del Borgo's Tutto fa Brodo, for example, is made with dried pineapples, roses, bergamot and Cambodian pepper - the kind of combination that might have beer-loving Masterchef supremo Michel



## Oxford Wine puts the boot in

Things we noticed on our travels this week, part two. Italy is better known for its wines than its beers, but even though they're made to more conventional templates, they still sometimes require a bit of guidance for the consumer. Oxford Wine Co has stepped up to the plate with this metaphor brought to life in its Oxford shop - equally useful for budget-conscious shoppers wanting to dip a toe into the water or the well-heeled.