



RESULTS



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 2025 Australian Cider Awards.

I have to say a big thank you to all of our team of judges, stewards and the Awards organising committee for volunteering their considerable time and expertise. A lot goes on behind the scenes to make an awards event happen. Our goal is a rigorous, respected show with an enjoyable judging experience. I'd like to think that we achieve it.

We are grateful for the continued support of our sponsors and partners as the show cannot go on without them. Thank you for acknowledging the value of the Awards to the Australian cider industry.

Every year we have an international judge. This year our international judge was Gabe Cook from the UK - aka "the Ciderologist". Gabe is an irrepressible advocate for the drink we all love – Cider! And brought an international and widely experienced palate to our judging team.

Carmen Gray - from our counterpart Association in New Zealand also came, fresh from the NZ awards, to help as a Steward.

We have also had a group of Baltic Cidermakers who are in Australia on a fact-finding tour and a few were able to experience the behind the scenes stewarding. Gabe and the Baltic cider makers have also been able to give some masterclasses to share some insight on the Baltic cider scene.

Lastly, a big thanks to our entrants for supporting the show. This show is the biggest in Australia and would be the biggest in the Southern Hemisphere. We continue to be impressed by the quality of ciders entered and the rapid evolution of cider making in Australia.

Warwick Billings, President



GOLD
92.5 – 100 points



SILVER
85 – 92 points



BRONZE
77.5 – 84.5 points

CHIEF JUDGE'S REPORT

What an incredible year for the Australian Cider Awards. I'm proud to have served as Chief Judge for the third and final time in 2025, a record-breaking year with 231 entries submitted from across Australia and beyond.

The growth of this competition over the past few years has been truly rewarding to witness. Not just in terms of numbers, but in the diversity and quality of ciders making their way to the judging tables. From traditional dry styles to experimental fruit blends and botanical additions, the spectrum of entries continues to expand, and with it, the level of skill from Australian cider makers.



One of the highlights this year was the strength across multiple classes, showing that quality is improving in every category. It made the job of assigning medals more challenging, but also more exciting. A real testament to the hard work and innovation happening in cider production.

This year's judging panel brought together a fantastic mix of expertise, including cider makers, winemakers, educators, retailer, hospitality professionals, a pommelier and sensory analyst. The diversity of perspectives led to vibrant discussions and well-rounded results. As always, judging was conducted using blind codes to ensure fairness and impartiality.

A big thank you to all the judges, stewards and organising committee. It's been a pleasure to work alongside such a dedicated and passionate team.

Briony Liebich, Chief Judge

JUDGES

Briony Liebich (Chair) (Flavour Logic)

Max Allen (Panel Chair) (journalist)

Vanessa Altmann (Hills Cider)

Gabe Cook (International) (Ciderologist, UK)

Ian Kingham (Panel Chair) (independent)

David Darlow (Mount Avoca)

Rob Hall (Cider in Context)

ASSOCIATE JUDGES

Ren Delgarno (Winequip)

Katrina Vasquez (Dan Murphy's)

Patrick Gardner (Kilchurn)

Rotating panel: Jo-Anne Fahey, Jess Locarnini,

Warren Proft, Marianne Smith, Rosemary Zollinger

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BEST IN SHOW

WILD OAK 2024

DAYLESFORD CIDER, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

93PTS



BEST NEW WORLD CIDER

RED MOON ROSÉ CIDER

THE APPLE THIEF, NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA

93.5PTS



BEST TRADITIONAL CIDER

WILD OAK 2024

DAYLESFORD CIDER, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

93PTS



BEST PERRY

WILLIAM PEAR CIDER

THE APPLE THIEF, NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA

92.5PTS



BEST SPECIALTY CIDER OR PERRY

APPLE + BLUEBERRY

PLENTY CIDER, TASMANIA, AUSTRALIA

93PTS



BEST INTENSIFIED / DISTILLED CIDER OR PERRY

APPLE BRANDY

WILLIE SMITH'S TASMANIAN, TASMANIA, AUSTRALIA

93PTS



BEST AUSTRALIAN CIDER OR PERRY

WILD OAK 2024

DAYLESFORD CIDER, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

93PTS



BEST INTERNATIONAL CIDER OR PERRY*

BITTER HARRY 2021

PECKHAM'S CIDER & ORCHARD, NEW ZEALAND

93PTS



MOST SUCCESSFUL SMALL PRODUCER

DAYLESFORD CIDER, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA



MOST SUCCESSFUL LARGER PRODUCER

WILLIE SMITH'S TASMANIAN, TASMANIA, AUSTRALIA



BEST SINGLE VARIETAL CIDER – David Pickering Memorial Trophy

BILPIN BLUSH PINK LADY CIDER

BILPIN CIDER CO, NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA

91PTS

* Note that international 'guest' entries are only eligible for the Best International Cider or Perry Trophy.

BEST SINGLE VARIETAL CIDER

David Pickering Memorial Trophy

Cider Australia established a perpetual trophy in 2024 because the number of high quality, single varietal ciders being made in Australia and entered in the Awards had reached a critical mass.

We named the Best Single Varietal Cider trophy in honour of industry champion David Pickering who passed away in July 2024.

The Best Single Varietal – David Pickering Memorial Trophy is a mark of remembrance of David's contribution to the industry. In the collective words of the Australian cider community, "David was a true gentleman and cider pioneer whose expertise and generosity shaped Australian craft cider".

The trophy is sponsored by Orange cider producers Incy Wincy Cyder and Small Acres Cyder.

Stewards Award for best label

Every year we run a packaging design competition as part of the judging. The judging for this happens at the back of house, far away from the judges as only stewards and officials get to see the product packaging.

All entries in the show are automatically eligible.

- There are two awards, for BEST CAN DESIGN and BEST BOTTLE DESIGN
- Stewards and officials have voted for their TOP 3 CANS and TOP 3 BOTTLES, based on the general appeal of the label design and container used.
- Stewards were not permitted to vote for any products they are affiliated with.
- Votes were summed and the product with the most votes wins.

BEST CAN DESIGN – Mabel and Fox, WA



BEST BOTTLE DESIGN – Abavas, Latvia



2025 BEST IN CLASS

CLASS 1 - NEW WORLD CIDER DRY

Classic Dry, Spreyton Cider	Gold	93
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CLASS 2 - NEW WORLD CIDER MEDIUM

Apple, Hills Cider	Gold	92.5
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CLASS 3 - NEW WORLD CIDER MEDIUM SWEET

Red Moon Rosé Cider, The Apple Thief	Gold	93.5
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CLASS 4 - NEW WORLD CIDER SWEET

Bilpin Blush Pink Lady Cider, Bilpin Cider Co	Silver	91
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CLASS 5 - NEW WORLD CIDER MT (DISGORGED)

Cuvee 20 Legana Wild, Bradys Lookout Cider	Gold	92.5
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CLASS 6 - TRADITIONAL CIDER DRY

Lenswulf, LOBO	Gold	93
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CLASS 7 - TRADITIONAL CIDER MEDIUM

Wild Oak, Daylesford Cider	Gold	93.5
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CLASS 8 - TRADITIONAL CIDER MEDIUM SWEET

Sweet Coppin, Daylesford Cider	Gold	92.5
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CLASS 9 - TRADITIONAL CIDER SWEET

Mimikri, Kudas	Bronze	79
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CLASS 10 - TRADITIONAL CIDER MT (DISGORGED)

Wild Belle Cuvee 19, Bradys Lookout Cider	Gold	93
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CLASS 11 - APPLE AND PEAR BLENDS

Squashed Cloudy Cider, Barossa Cider Co	Silver	85.5
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CLASS 21 - NEW WORLD PERRY DRY - No entries

CLASS 22 - NEW WORLD PERRY MEDIUM

Pear Cider, Flying Brick Cider Co	Gold	94
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CLASS 23 - NEW WORLD PERRY MEDIUM SWEET

William Pear Cider, The Apple Thief	Gold	92.5
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CLASS 24 - NEW WORLD PERRY SWEET

Perry, Lepola	Bronze	79.5
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CLASS 25 - NEW WORLD PERRY MT (DISGORGED) - No entries**CLASS 26 - TRADITIONAL PERRY DRY**

Wlld Perry, Pobblebonk Ciderworks	Silver	86
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CLASS 27 - TRADITIONAL PERRY MEDIUM - No entries**CLASS 28 - TRADITIONAL PERRY MEDIUM SWEET - No entries****CLASS 29 - TRADITIONAL PERRY SWEET - No entries****CLASS 30 - TRADITIONAL PERRY MT (DISGORGED) - No entries****CLASS 31 - EXPERIMENTAL CIDER OR PERRY**

Shiraz Cider, Daylesford Cider	Gold	92.5
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CLASS 32 - NO/LOW ALC CIDER OR PERRY (<0.5% ABV)

Golden Knot Apple and Cherry Non Alcoholic Cider, Small Acres Cyder	Gold	93
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CLASS 33 - CIDER OR PERRY WITH FRUIT

Apple + Blueberry, Plenty	Gold	93
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CLASS 34 - LIGHTER STRENGTH CIDER OR PERRY

RED and WILD, PRAH	Silver	86
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CLASS 35 - CIDER OR PERRY WITH BOTANICALS

Gin Botanical, Murbudu cider co	Gold	93.5
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CLASS 36 - WOOD AGED CIDER OR PERRY

Vintage Apple, Hillbilly Cider	Gold	92.5
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CLASS 41 - ICE CIDER OR PERRY

Ice Cider, The Apple Thief	Silver	90
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CLASS 42 - POMMEAU

Pommeau, Willie Smith's Tasmanian	Silver	91
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CLASS 43 - EAU DE VIE (APPLE OR PEAR SPIRIT)

Apfel Schnapps, LOBO	Bronze	82
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CLASS 44 – AGED APPLE OR PEAR SPIRIT

Apple Brandy, Willie Smith's Tasmanian	Gold	93
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2025 RESULTS

STANDARD STYLES

NEW WORLD CIDER

1 – DRY (<9g/L)

Judge remarks: Good to see makers embracing drier styles from all angles, but too many lack the balance and fruit intensity required to make them outstanding ciders.

42532	Classic Dry, Spreyton Cider	Gold	93
42516	Red Hill Orchard desert blend, Camilla's Crush Cider	Silver	85
42719	Premium Bruts, Abavas	Bronze	81.5
44323	Bilpin Archibald High N Dry, Bilpin Cider Co	Bronze	78.5
42631	Jepis Organic still rose, Jepis		
42713	Dullais Dauka Herbsts - Sidra Daritava		
42770	Coxes Pippin, The Wild Beyond		
42846	KUIVA, Hallonmäen		
43903	Bone Dry Apple Cider, Willie Smith's Tasmanian		

2 – MEDIUM (9-25g/L)

Judge remarks: Surprising level of diversity and different cider making approaches in this class – more than seen in this class previously? – which makes for interesting judging but could perhaps lead to confusion for the consumer as to exactly what NW medium is meant to be?

42545	Apple, Hills Cider	Gold	92.5
42987	Luotsi Apple cider, Pirula	Silver	90
43905	Traditional Apple Cider, Willie Smith's Tasmanian	Silver	86
42577	Semi Dry cider, Tori Cidery	Silver	85
43904	Organic Apple Cider, Willie Smith's Tasmanian	Silver	85
43951	Liquid Crunch OG Apple Cider, Mabel Fox	Silver	85
42783	Scrumpy, Hillbilly Cider	Bronze	83.5
42244	Cloudy, LOBO	Bronze	82.5
44027	Original, Plenty	Bronze	82
42847	KUORI, Hallonmäen	Bronze	80
44033	Heritage Blend, Small Acres Cyder	Bronze	79.5
43823	Clear Apple, Cedar Creek Cider	Bronze	79
43133	Sidewood Apple Cider, Sidewood Estate	Bronze	79
42754	Pussauss (medium-dry classic), Murbudu cider co	Bronze	79
43125	Draught Cider, Flying Brick Cider Co	Bronze	78
43511	Granny, Brewers Orchard	Bronze	78
43120	Latvijas Klasiskais ābolu sidrs, Abavas Winery	Bronze	78
42730	Apple, Hills Cider (keg)		
42863	Sunshine Cider, Sunshine Coast Cider		
44026	Hazy Apple, Plenty Cider		

3 – MEDIUM SWEET (25-40g/L)

Judge remarks: A lot of variety across the class, Some great individual exhibits. Important to focus on balance for future exhibitors.

44335	Red Moon Rose Cider, The Apple Thief	Gold	93.5
43876	Sneaky Cider, Yallingup Cider Co	Gold	93
44325	Bilpin Original Cider, Bilpin Cider	Gold	93
43824	Cloudy Cider, Cedar Creek Cider	Silver	87
42882	Granny Smith Cider, The Apple Thief	Silver	86.5
43948	Napoleone Apple Cider, Napoleone Cider Co.	Silver	86.5
44091	Apple, Lenswood Cider Company	Silver	86
42878	Gold, Gurneys Cider	Silver	85
42784	Apple, Hillbilly Cider	Silver	85
43635	Apple Cider, Pagan Cider	Silver	85
42881	Braeburn Gala Cloudy Cider, The Apple Thief	Silver	85
42529	Apple Cider, Spreyton Cider Co	Bronze	84
44045	Original Cider, Sydney Brewery	Bronze	83.5
42461	Bruny Island Apple Cider, Bruny Island Cider	Bronze	83
43925	Apple Cider, Pressman's Cider	Bronze	83
42832	Sarastus siideri, Vaski Cider & Distillery	Bronze	82.5
44064	Squashed Apple Cider, Barossa Cider Co	Bronze	81.5
44092	Hazy Apple, Lenswood Cider Company	Bronze	78.5
43924	Apple Cider, Pressman's Cider	Bronze	78.5
44324	Bilpin Archibald Cloudy apple cider, Bilpin Cider Co	Bronze	78.5
42864	Original Apple, Cider Cheeky Tiki		
42900	Session, Daylesford Cider		
43076	Cloudy Apple Cider, Mr Bridges PTY LTD		
43112	Perth Cider, Funk Cider		
44056	TenSixtyOne by Atlanta Craft Apple Cider, TenSixtyOne by Atlanta		
44060	Apple Cider, Thorny Devil		
44080	Malucious, Cider Infusion		

4 – SWEET (>40g/L)

Judge remarks: Most were very much examples of what you would expect from this class. Overall well made, sweetness in balance, very commercially relevant.

44326	Bilpin Blush Pink Lady Cider, Bilpin Cider Co	Silver	91
42883	Pink Lady Cider, The Apple Thief	Silver	85.5
43123	Original Cider, Flying Brick Cider Co	Bronze	82.5
44039	Pink Lady, Small Acres Cyder	Bronze	79.5
42785	Sweet Julie, Hillbilly Cider	Bronze	77.5
42820	Semi sweet apple cider, LAUSKIS		
42853	Howler, Darkes Cider		
42856	Brindabella Cider, BentSpoke Brewing Co		
43955	Silver Fox - Sweet Apple Cider, Mabel Fox		

5 - MT (DISGORGED)

Judge remarks: Good level of quality across the class, lots of well-made ciders, showing good understanding of method and intention. Perhaps a little more extended lees-ageing would help increase complexity.

42357	Cuvee 20 Legana Wild, Bradys Lookout Cider	Gold	92.5
42865	Brut+ Cider Methode Traditionelle, Sunshine Coast Cider	Silver	85
42633	Dace, Mr. Plûme	Silver	85
42535	Doux Methode Traditionnelle, Jaanihanso	Bronze	83
42714	Kerr, Abuls cidery	Bronze	82.5
42534	Sec Methode Traditionnelle,, Jaanihanso	Bronze	80

TRADITIONAL CIDER

6 – DRY (<9g/L)

Judge remarks: Some serious ciders here, good intensity of flavour, but best ciders more approachable than expected, and fewer faults than previous years: best entries made intentionally rather than allowing 'funk' to take its course.

42777	Lenswulf, LOBO	Gold	93
42715	Naturālists, Abuls	Silver	90
43422	Kingston Black, Peckham's Cidery and Orchard	Silver	85
42891	Vintage Dry, Daylesford Cider	Bronze	83.5
42636	Barrel Aged Cider, Hills Cider		
42716	Anglis / Englishman, Herbsts - Sidra Daritava		
42769	Yarlington Mill, The Wild Beyond		
42778	Norma, LOBO Cider		

7 – MEDIUM (9-25g/L)

Judge remarks: Some excellent examples, good variety, great to see the prevalence of tannins, acidity, fruit and balance.

42894	Wild Oak 2024, Daylesford Cider	Gold	93.5
43420	Bitter Harry 2021, Peckham's Cidery and Orchard	Gold	93
43910	Heritage Blend, Willie Smith's Tasmanian	Gold	92.5
43421	Major, Peckham's Cidery and Orchard	Silver	90.5
44031	2023 Cornucopia, Plenty	Silver	89
43908	British Blend, Willie Smith's Tasmanian	Silver	85
42859	Colony Cove Vintage Cider, Kangaroo Island Ciders	Silver	85
42857	Colony Cove Original Cider, Kangaroo Island Ciders	Silver	85
43530	Colony Cove Sparkling Cider, Kangaroo Island Ciders	Silver	85
43911	Kingston Black, Willie Smith's Tasmanian	Silver	85
43512	Rising Sun, Brewers Orchard	Bronze	83.5
42892	Scrumpy, Daylesford Cider	Bronze	83.5
42726	Original, Magners	Bronze	82
42548	Cloudy Apple, Hills Cider	Bronze	80.5
42727	Original, Magners	Bronze	79.5
42725	Original, Magners	Bronze	78.5
42632	Jepis organic medium sweet cider, Jepis	Bronze	78

42779	Trad, LOBO
43416	Classic Apple, Peckham's Cidery and Orchard
43933	Farmhouse Cider, Willie Smith's Tasmanian
44077	Shipwrecked, Cider Infusion

8 - MEDIUM SWEET (25-40g/L)

Judge remarks: Overall quality good in what was a smaller class than expected, although some confusion over what constitutes a traditional style of sweeter cider.

42887	Sweet Coppin, Daylesford Cider	Gold	92.5
43320	Juicy Cider, Funk Cider	Silver	87
42634	Wild, Mr. Plūme	Bronze	84.5
42858	Colony Cove Draught Cider, Kangaroo Island Ciders	Bronze	81.5
42884	Kingston Black, The Apple Thief	Bronze	81
43423	Hazy Apple, Peckham's Cidery and Orchard		
44076	The Cape, Cider Infusion		

9 - SWEET (>40g/L)

Judge remarks: Shame only one entry in this class – there is room for more well-made sweet traditional cider.

42829	Mimikri, Kodas	Bronze	79
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10 - MT (DISGORGED)

Judge remarks: Overall very high-quality class, with diversity of interpretations of the traditional class, some veering towards New World in a traditional mould.

42356	Wild Belle Cuvee 19, Bradys Lookout Cider	Gold	93.0
43122	MC Cider, Flying Brick Cider Co	Gold	92.5
44040	Sparkling Cider 2023, Small Acres Cyder	Silver	85
44032	Vintage Sparkling 2020, Plenty		

APPLE AND PEAR BLENDS

11 - APPLE AND PEAR BLENDS

Judge remarks: A diverse range of entrants, some good attempts at blending and creating interest. A more concerted effort on balance would be beneficial to the class.

44065	Squashed Cloudy Cider, Barossa Cider Co	Silver	85.5	!
44093	Apple and Pear, Lenswood Cider Company	Silver	85	!
42780	Apple and Pear, LOBO	Bronze	82	
42759	Pear Cider, The Wild Beyond	Bronze	81	
42462	Bruny Island Apple & Pear Cider, Bruny Island Cider	Bronze	79.5	
43987	Meandering Pome Cider, Little Green Men, Mostly Apples Cider project	Bronze	78.5	!

NEW WORLD PERRY

21 – DRY (<9g/L)

No Entries

22 – MEDIUM (9-25g/L)

Judge remarks: A broad class with varying levels of pear fruit expression. A couple of golds awarded for excellent, interesting exhibits, and the overall class had great variety and quality.

43124	Pear Cider, Flying Brick Cider Co	Gold	94
42546	Pear, Hills Cider	Gold	92.5
44327	Bilpin Pear Cider, Bilpin Cider Co	Bronze	79.5
42867	Pear & Apple limited edition, Sunshine Coast Cider		
43531	Colony Cove Pear Cider, Kangaroo Island Ciders		

23 - MEDIUM SWEET (25-40g/L)

Judge remarks: Overall well-made and true to style but less pear flavour and intensity than expected -perhaps a reflection of the 2024 harvest?

44334	William Pear Cider, The Apple Thief	Gold	92.5
42786	Pear, Hillbilly Cider	Silver	87.5
42879	Pear Party Perry, Gurneys Cider	Bronze	81.5
44066	Squashed Pear Cider, Barossa Cider Co	Bronze	81
42528	Pear Cider, Spreyton Cider Co		
43077	Perky Pear Cider, Mr Bridges PTY LTD		
43134	Sidewood Pear Cider, Sidewood Estate		

24 – SWEET (>40g/L)

Judge remarks: The only entry in this class shows there's potential for more entries in future years.

42385	Perry, Lepola	Bronze	79.5
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25 - MT (DISGORGED)

No Entries

TRADITIONAL PERRY

26 – DRY (<9g/L)

43144	Wild Perry, Pobblebonk Ciderworks	Silver	86
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27 – MEDIUM (9-25g/L)

No Entries

28 - MEDIUM SWEET (25-40g/L)

No Entries

29 – SWEET (>40g/L)

No Entries

30 - MT (DISGORGED)

No Entries

SPECIALITY STYLES

31 - EXPERIMENTAL CIDER OR PERRY

Judge remarks: An experimental class is always varied. Some shone, others perhaps need to reassess. Great to see makers pushing the boundaries.

42896	Shiraz Cider, Daylesford Cider	Gold	92.5
42821	New England Cider, The Wild Beyond	Silver	87.5
43977	Crispy Queen - Rose Apple Cider, Mabel Fox	Silver	87
42929	B-Sting, Darkes Cider	Silver	85
42849	Rosie, Darkes Cider	Silver	85
44046	Agave Ginger Cider, Sydney Brewery	Bronze	84.5
43078	Sweet Spiced Cider, Mr Bridges PTY LTD	Bronze	82
42988	Helmi,, Pirula		
43145	B-Sting, Darkes Cider		
43990	The Lovers, Blushing cider, Little Green Men, Mostly Apples Cider project		

32 - NO/LOW ALC CIDER OR PERRY (<0.5% ABV)

Judge remarks: Balancing without alcohol can be hard to achieve. This class continues to improve. Magnificent to see some serious and well rewarded examples.

44044	Golden Knot Apple and Cherry Non Alcoholic Cider, Small Acres Cyder	Gold	93
43417	Apple Zero, Peckham's Cidery and Orchard	Gold	92.5
44041	Golden Knot Apple and Pear, Small Acres Cyder	Silver	88
42547	Non Alcoholic Apple, Hills Cider	Silver	87
42868	RED and WILD, PRAH 0%	Silver	86
42787	Ginger, Hillbilly Cider	Silver	85
42848	Pīlādžu saulriets, Murbudu cider co.	Bronze	84
42788	Non Alc Apple, Hillbilly Cider	Bronze	82.5
44330	Bilpin Non Alc Apple & Raspberry, Bilpin Cider Co	Bronze	82
44331	Bilpin Non Alc Apple & Blood Orange, Bilpin Cider Co	Bronze	81
42464	Bruny Island Non Alcoholic Apple Cider, Bruny Island Cider	Bronze	80.5
43405	Zero, Trattore	Bronze	80.5
44328	Bilpin Non Alc Apple Cider, Bilpin Cider Co	Bronze	80
42927	Little Blue, Darkes Cider	Bronze	77.5
44329	Bilpin Non Alc Apple & Ginger, Bilpin Cider Co	Bronze	77.5
44332	Bilpin Non Alc Apple & Lemon Cider, Bilpin Cider		

33 - CIDER OR PERRY WITH FRUIT

Judge remarks: Always a bit of an adventure, judging this class. Good to see a wide variety of attempts to make good fruit cider. Most successful entries balance fruit intensity whilst retaining cider characters, and have good freshness and drinkability.

44030	Apple + Blueberry, Plenty	Gold	93
43321	Passion 8, Funk Cider	Gold	92.5
44333	Bilpin Apple & Raspberry Cider, Bilpin Cider Co	Silver	87
44048	Bat Currant Cider, Sydney Brewery	Silver	86
42319	Apple - cassis sparkling cider, semi-sweet, Sabiles Sidrs	Silver	85
42755	ARONIJA, Murbudu cider co	Silver	85
43135	Sidewood Strawberry Apple Cider, Sidewood Estate	Silver	85
44028	Apple + Quince, Plenty	Silver	85
42530	Sour Cherry, Spreyton Cider Co	Bronze	83.5
42531	Apple & Raspberry, Spreyton Cider Co	Bronze	83.5
44029	Apple + Cherry, Plenty	Bronze	82
44047	Lemon Twist Cider, Sydney Brewery	Bronze	81
43825	Apple and Blackcurrant, Cedar Creek Cider	Bronze	80.5
43949	Louis Apple Cider, Napoleone Cider Co.	Bronze	80.5
43640	Quince Cider, Pagan Cider	Bronze	79.5
44061	Apple and Guava Cider, Thorny Devil	Bronze	79.5
42718	Ābolu-Rabarberu pussaldais (Apple-Rhubarb Semi-sweet), Turkalnes Muiža	Bronze	78
42789	Summer, Hillbilly Cider	Bronze	78
42866	Real Pineapple Cider, Cheeky Tiki	Bronze	77.5
43126	Splicer, Flying Brick Cider Co	Bronze	77.5
43637	Cerise, Pagan Cider	Bronze	77.5
44094	Apple and Strawberry, Lenswood Cider Company	Bronze	77.5
42318	Apple - quince sparkling cider, sweet, GARDENER'S Craft cider		
42463	Bruny Island Apple & Cherry Cider, Bruny Island Cider		
42717	Ābolu-Cidoniju pussaldais (Apple-Quince Semi-sweet), Turkalnes Muiža		
42758	Raspberry Sour Cider, The Wild Beyond		
42767	Bay Berry, The Wild Beyond		
42827	Apple cider with passion fruit, TĀLAVA		
42926	Ruby, Darkes Cider		
43127	Pango, Flying Brick Cider Co		
43639	Blueberry Cider, Pagan Cider		
43641	Plum Cider, Pagan Cider		
43989	Something Special Cherry Cider, Little Green Men, Mostly apples cider project		
44078	Skinny Shiraz, Cider Infusion		
42720	Rabarberu dzirkstviņš, Abavas		

34 - LIGHTER STRENGTH CIDER OR PERRY

Judge remarks: A good class of exhibits with plenty of interest and discussion from judges.

42869	RED and WILD, PRAH 3.5%	Silver	86
43909	Gold Apple Cider, Willie Smith's Tasmanian	Bronze	80.5
42852	Perry, Darkes Cider	Bronze	77.5

35 - CIDER OR PERRY WITH BOTANICALS

Judge remarks: Some great ideas and entries. More finesse on the execution would lead to higher medal grades. A good class with some good variety.

42756	Gin Botanical, Murbudu cider co	Gold	93.5
43826	Ginger Crush, Cedar Creek Cider	Silver	85.5
42928	Ginger, Darkes Cider	Silver	85
42826	Säde, Kodas	Silver	85
44095	Apple and Ginger, Lenswood Cider Company	Bronze	84
42885	Apple and Lemon Myrtle, The Apple Thief	Bronze	83.5
42828	Apple cider with hops, TÄLAVA	Bronze	81.5
44069	Chai, Cider Infusion	Bronze	80.5
43988	Mr Charisma, dry hopped cider, Little Gren Men, Mostly Apples Cider project	Bronze	78.5

36 – WOOD AGED CIDER OR PERRY

Judge remarks: Quality of oak in this class has improved, seeing more new oak influence -would be interesting to see influence of larger-format, and longer maturation, not just oak-ageing for wood-flavour effect.

42790	Vintage Apple, Hillbilly Cider	Gold	92.5
42757	LIDUMNIEKS single orchard, Murbudu cider co	Silver	86
42791	Barrel Aged Vintage, Hillbilly Cider	Silver	85
43319	Wild West, Funk Cider	Bronze	79.5
44042	The Cat's Pyjamas, Small Acres Cyder	Bronze	78.5
42851	Ellen, Darkes Cider		
42855	Jocelyn, Darkes Cider		

INTENSIFIED AND DISTILLED STYLES

CLASS 41 - ICE CIDER OR PERRY

Judge remarks: Excellent exhibits in a very strong, technical class. Presence of acetic acid in two of the exhibits detracted from more golds being given.

43175	Ice Cider, The Apple Thief	Silver	90
42386	Vega Ice Cider, Lepola	Silver	89.5
42578	Jää/Ice, Tori Cidery	Silver	88.5
42834	Muusa 11 - Ice Cider, Vaski Cider & Distillery	Bronze	84.5

CLASS 42 – POMMEAU

Judge remarks: Two different samples showcasing developed and youthful styles.

43906	Pommeau, Willie Smith's Tasmanian	Silver	91
44043	Pommeau Apple Mistelle 2022, Small Acres Cyder	Silver	87

CLASS 43 - EAU DE VIE (APPLE OR PEAR SPIRIT)

Judge remarks: Clean apple spirit, a style yet to be adequately explored.

42782	Apfel Schnapps, LOBO	Bronze	82
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CLASS 44 - AGED APPLE OR PEAR SPIRIT

Judge remarks: Good range of developed characteristics, mixed levels of fruit weight and cleanliness of spirit.

44010	Apple Brandy, Willie Smith's Tasmanian	Gold	93
43128	Captain's Run Apple Brandy, Flying Brick Cider Co	Silver	90
42533	Apple Brandy, Spreyton Cider	Silver	87
42781	Apple Brandy - Lobodos, LOBO	Bronze	84
43518	Applejack MMXVIII, ELSEWHEN	Bronze	83
43862	Infinity Apple Brandy, ELSEWHEN	Bronze	80

EXHIBITOR LIST

A

Abavas Darzi, Abavas Winery, Riga, Latvia
Atlanta Fruit Sales Pty Ltd ta TenSixtyOne by
Atlanta, TenSixtyOne by Atlanta, Victoria, Australia

B

Barcoo Collective Pty Ltd T/A Brewers Orchard,
Brewers Orchard, Victoria, Australia
Bellevue Orchard, Trattore, Victoria, Australia
BentSpoke Brewing Co, BentSpoke Brewing Co,
Australian Capital Territory, Australia
Bilpin Cider Co, Bilpin Cider Co, New South Wales,
Australia
Boston Brewing, Mabel Fox, Western Australia,
Australia
Bruny Island Cider, Bruny Island Cider, Tasmania,
Australia

C

Camilla's Crush, Camilla's Crush Cider, Victoria,
Australia
Casella Family Brands, Pressman's Cider, New
South Wales, Australia
Cedar Creek Cider, Cedar Creek Cider, New South
Wales, Australia
Cider Infusion, Cider Infusion, Victoria, Australia
Cider Productions PTY LTD, The Apple Thief, New
South Wales, Australia

D

Darkes Cider, Darkes Cider, New South Wales,
Australia
Daylesford Cider, Daylesford Cider, Victoria,
Australia
Dean Baker, The Wild Beyond, Western Australia,
Australia
Deep Southern PL, PRAH, Tasmania, Australia

F

Flying Brick Cider Co, Flying Brick Cider Co, Victoria,
Australia
Funk Cider, Funk Cider, Western Australia, Australia

G

Good Drinks Australia Pty Ltd, Magners, Western
Australia, Australia
Gurneys Cider, Gurneys Cider, Victoria, Australia

H

Hallonmäen Siideripanimu Oy, Hallonmäen, Aland,
Finland
Handsoffthebrake Pty Ltd trading as Bradys
Lookout Cider, Bradys Lookout Cider, Tasmania,
Australia

Hillbilly Cider, Hillbilly Cider, New South Wales,
Australia
Hills Cider Publicans Trust, Hills Cider, South
Australia, Australia

I

Incy Wincy Cyder Pty Limited, Incy Wincy Cyder,
New South Wales, Australia

J

Jaanihanso OÜ, Jaanihanso, Harjumaa, Estonia

K

Kent Jones Pty Ltd, Kangaroo Island Ciders, South
Australia, Australia
Kodas, Kodas, Polvamaa, Estonia

L

Lauskis, LAUSKIS, Rigas Rajons, Latvia
Lenswood Cider Company, Lenswood Cider
Company, South Australia, Australia
Lepola Drinks, Lepola, Southern Finland, Finland
Little Green Men, Little Gren Men, Mostly Apples
Cider project, Tasmania, Australia
LOBO Juice and Cider Pty Ltd, LOBO, South
Australia, Australia

M

Mr Bridges PTY LTD, Mr Bridges PTY LTD, Tasmania,
Australia
Murbudu cider co, Murbudu cider co, Rigas Rajons,
Latvia

N

Napoleone Cider, Napoleone Cider Co., Victoria,
Australia

P

Pagan Cider, Pagan Cider, Tasmania, Australia
Peckham's, Peckham's Cidery and Orchard, Nelson,
New Zealand
Pienjani SIA, Jepis, Bauskas Rajons, Latvia
Pirula Oy, Pirula, Southern Finland, Finland
Plenty Cider, Plenty, Tasmania, Australia
Pobblebonk Ciderworks, Pobblebonk Ciderworks,
Victoria, Australia

R

Rough Hands Ltd, ELSEWHEN, Nelson, New Zealand

S

SIA Jumpravas sidrs, Mr. Plūme, Australian Capital
Territory, Australia
SIA Sabiles Sidrs, GARDENER'S Craft cider, Riga,
Latvia
SIA Sabiles Sidrs, Sabiles Sidrs, Riga, Latvia
Sia Skrampijs, Herbsts - Sidra Daritava, Riga, Latvia

SIA Turkalnes Muizas klets, Turkalnes Muiža, Rīgas Rajons, Latvia
Sidewood Estate, Sidewood Estate, South Australia, Australia
Small Acres Cyder, Small Acres Cyder, New South Wales, Australia
Spreyton Cider, Spreyton Cider Co, Tasmania, Australia
Sunshine Coast Cider, Sunshine Coast Cider, Queensland, Australia
Sunshine Coast Cider, Cheeky Tiki, Queensland, Australia
Sydney Brewery, Sydney Brewery, New South Wales, Australia

T

Talava SIA, TĀLAVA, Aizkraukles Rajons, Latvia
The Barossa Valley Cider Company Pty Ltd, Barossa Cider Co, South Australia, Australia
Thorny Devil Brewing Company, Thorny Devil, Western Australia, Australia
Tori Cidery, Tori Cidery, Parnumaa, Estonia

U

Urtica SIA, Abuls, Rīgas Rajons, Latvia

V

Vaski Cider & Distillery, Vaski Cider & Distillery, Southern Finland, Finland

W

Willie Smith's Tasmanian, Willie Smith's Tasmanian, Tasmania, Australia

Y

Yallingup Cider Co., Yallingup Cider Co, Western Australia, Australia

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