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2017 AUSTRALIAN CIDER AWARD RESULTS

BEST IN SHOW

Magners - Original Apple



BEST TRADITIONAL CIDER

St Ronan's - Methode Traditionelle Heritage



BEST NEW WORLD CIDER

Magners - Original Apple



BEST PERRY

Carmel Cider - Pear



BEST CIDER AND PERRY BLEND

LOBO Cider - LOBO Apple & Pear



BEST INTENSIFIED/DISTILLED CIDER OR PERRY

Small Acres Cyder - Small Acres Cyder 2015 Pomona Ice



BEST AUSTRALIAN CIDER OR PERRY

St Ronan's - Methode Traditionelle Heritage



2017 AUSTRALIAN CIDER AWARD RESULTS

BEST INTERNATIONAL CIDER OR PERRY

Magners - Original Apple



MOST SUCCESSFUL SMALL PRODUCER (LESS THAN 50,000L PER YEAR)

Small Acres Cyder



MOST SUCCESSFUL LARGER PRODUCER (>50,000L PER YEAR)

Westons Cider



MEDALS



Gold: 92.5 – 100 points



Silver: 85 – 92 points



Bronze: 77.5 – 84.5 points



New World Dry Cider (max 1.004 SG)

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CLASS 1A

Producer	Product	Award	Score
Core Cider	HardCORE		
Henry Of Harcourt	Duck Bull	Bronze	77.5
Incy Wincy Cyder	X3		
King Valley Cider	Traditionally Tart	Bronze	80
Rusty Bike Wines	The Apple Cart	Bronze	80
Spreyton Cider Co	Classic Cider	Bronze	84
The Hills Cider Company	The Hills Cider Company Organic Dry Apple	Bronze	79
William Smith & Sons	Willie Smith's Bone Dry Apple Cider	Bronze	80
Winter Brook	Winter Brook Vintage Cider 2016	Silver (BOC)	89
Winter Brook	Winter Brook Vintage Cider 2017		

Judges remarks: Multiple medals, the class seems to be improving.

Traditional Dry Cider (max 1.004 SG)

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CLASS 1B

Producer	Product	Award	Score
3 Sons Cider	Somerset	Silver	85
Bilpin Cider	Bilpin Archibald Extra Brut	Bronze	80
CHEEKY GROG CO	KINGSTON HERITAGE	Silver	85
CHEEKY GROG CO	SECRET SEVEN	Bronze	84
Crucible	2016 Crucible Cider	Bronze	78
Daylesford Cider	French Oak	Silver	86
Daylesford Cider	Farmhouse Dry	Bronze	83
Daylesford Cider	Organic Apple Cider	Bronze	81
Flying Brick Cider Co	Scrumpty RG		
FUNK Cider	Organic Scrumpty	Silver	86
Hart's Farm	Dry Cider 2017	Silver	85
Hart's Farm	Dry	Bronze	84
Henry Of Harcourt	Kingston Black 15	Bronze	79
LOBO Cider	LOBO Norman	Bronze	84
Malus Cider	Robusta	Bronze	81
Mock Red Hill	Traditional Dry Cider	Bronze	83
Pomologist Cider	Dry Sparkling Cider 2014 Batch 2	Bronze	80
Pomologist Cider	Dry Sparkling Cider 2016	Bronze	78
Seven Oaks Farmhouse Cider	Kingston Black	Silver	85
SMALL ACRES CYDER	Small Acres Cyder 2016 Somerset Still		
Spreyton Cider Co	Vintage 2017	Silver	85
SUTTONS Cider	Suttons Draught Cider	Bronze	78
The Denmark Heritage Cider Company	Blend 16 Scrumpty	Bronze	79
The Denmark Heritage Cider Company	Blend 15 1644		
William Smith & Sons	Willie Smith's Somerset Red Streak Dry Cider	Silver (BOC)	91

Judges remarks: Class shows strength with good interpretations of a difficult style.



New World Medium Cider (1.004-1.019 SG)

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CLASS 2A

Producer	Product	Award	Score
5 Seeds	5 Seeds Cloudy Apple Cider	Bronze	77.5
5 Seeds	5 Seeds Lower Sugar Cider		
Appellation Cider	Appellation Cider	Silver	85
Aspall	Suffolk Draught	Bronze	80
Batlow Cider	Batlow Cloudy Cider	Bronze	84
Batlow Cider	Batlow Premium Cider	Bronze	83
Beechworth Cider	Classic		
Bilpin Cider	Bilpin Archibald Cloudy Cider	Bronze	82
Bilpin Cider	Bilpin Original	Bronze	80
Carlton & United Breweries	Bonamys Apple Cider	Bronze	82
Castaway	Castaway Original Cider 5.0%; 330mL	Bronze	82
Castaway	Castaway Low Carb Cider 5.0%; 330mL	Bronze	81
Cheeky Tiki	Cheeky Tiki - Sweet Apple Cider	Bronze	80
Co-Op Cider	Co-Op Apple Cider		
Core Cider	CORE Meltdown	Silver	88
Darkes Cider	Darkes Cider - Howler	Bronze	79
Daylesford Cider	Summer Petillant	Silver	89
Flying Brick Cider Co	Draught Cider		
Frank's Cider	Franks Autumn Reserve Apple Cider	Bronze	80
FUNK Cider	All Star	Bronze	84
FUNK Cider	Swan Valley Cider		
Golden Axe	Golden Axe	Bronze	78
Golden Axe	Golden Axe (Keg)	Bronze	77.5
Granite Belt Cider Co	Treehouse Cider	Bronze	79
Hansen Tasmania	Hansen Tasmania Apple Cider 330ml	Bronze	79
Harcourt Cider	Harcourt Dry Cider	Bronze	79
Hillbilly Cider	Apple Cider	Bronze	83
Hillbilly Cider	Scrumpy	Bronze	80
Hillbilly Cider	Vintage		
Jachmann Apple Co	Jachmann Royal Gala Apple Cider	Bronze	80
Jachmann Apple Co	Jachmann Pink Lady Apple Cider	Bronze	78



New World Medium Cider (1.004-1.019 SG)

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CLASS 2A

Producer	Product	Award	Score
James Squire	James Squire Orchard Crush Apple Cider		
Kelly Brothers Cider	Kelly Brothers Sparkling Apple	Bronze	77.5
Kelly Brothers Cider	Kelly Brothers Draught		
Kirin	Kirin Fuji Apple Cider	Silver	87
LOBO Cider	LOBO Cloudy Apple	Bronze	84
Magners	Original Apple	Gold (BOC)	94
Mock Red Hill	Classic Cider	Bronze	80
Montague Cider House	2017 Harvest Apple Cider		
Monteiths	Sparkling Cider Brut Cuvee	Bronze	79
Monteiths	Goldsmith Apple Cider	Bronze	78
Napoleone	Apple Cider	Bronze	80
Nightingale Bros	Alpine Cider Pink Lady Dry	Bronze	83
Rochdale Cider	Classic Apple Cider	Silver	85
Saxton	Saxton Apple Cider 5.0%; 330mL	Bronze	78
Seedy Cider	Seedy Cider Sweet Poser	Bronze	84
Sidewood	Apple Cider	Bronze	81
Sidro Del Bosco	Sidro Del Bosco	Silver	88
SMALL ACRES CYDER	Small Acres Cyder 2016 Norfolk Still	Bronze	81
SMALL ACRES CYDER	Small Acres Pomme	Bronze	78
Spreyton Cider Co	Apple Cider	Bronze	81
St Ronans	Apple Cider	Silver	88
Steamrail	Steamrail Apple Cider (Bottle)	Bronze	80
Storm Brewing Co	Dry Apple Cider	Bronze	79
Swell Brewing Co	Cloudy Apple Cider	Silver	87
The Apple Thief	Granny Smith 2013	Bronze	78
The Apple Thief	Granny Smith		
The Cider Lab	Royal Gala Apple	Bronze	83
The Cider Lab	Pink Lady Apple		
The Craft And Co	Apple Cider	Bronze	79
The Hills Cider Company	The Hills Cider Company Apple Cider	Silver	85



New World Medium Cider (1.004-1.019 SG)

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CLASS 2A

Producer	Product	Award	Score
The Hills Cider Company	The Hills Cider Company Cloudy Apple	Bronze	80
The Sparkke Change Beverage Company	Apple Cider	Gold	93
Three Oaks Cider Co	Crushed Apple 8%		
Twisted Sister Cider	Apple Cider	Bronze	80
William Smith And Sons	Willie Smith's Organic Apple Cider	Bronze	78
Woodchoppers Cider	Arquiteka		
Yarra Valley Cider	Pure Apple		

Judges remarks: A couple of standout ciders in the largest class. Comments relate mostly to balance rather than faults which is encouraging.



Traditional Medium Cider (1.004-1.019 SG)

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CLASS 2B

Producer	Product	Award	Score
CHEEKY GROG CO	FOXY DABINETT		
Crucible	2015 Crucible Cider Demi-Sec		
Daylesford Cider	Wild	Bronze	82
Daylesford Cider	ARF N ARF	Bronze	79
Devils Bit Mountain	Devils Bit Mountain Cider	Bronze	80
El Gaitero	El Gaitero	Bronze	82
Friels First Press Vintage Cider	Friels First Press Vintage Cider	Silver	87
FUNK Cider	James Brown	Bronze	81
Hart's Farm	Semi-Dry Cider		
Kangaroo Island Ciders	Colony Cove Draught Cider	Silver	85
Kangaroo Island Ciders	Colony Cove Original Cider	Silver	85
Kingstone Press	Kingstone Press	Bronze	79
LOBO Cider	LOBO Trad	Bronze	84
LOBO Cider	LOBO Bodicea	Bronze	79
Seven Oaks Farmhouse Cider	De Bouteville Dry	Bronze	84
Seven Oaks Farmhouse Cider	Sour Lady William	Bronze	78
Spreyton Cider Co	Cidermakers Select 2017 - The Big Q	Bronze	84
Westons Cider	Wyld Wood Organic Apple	Gold (BOC)	93
Westons Cider	Stowford Press Medium Dry 500ml	Bronze	84
Westons Cider	Old Rosie 500ml	Bronze	81
Westons Cider	Caple Road No3	Bronze	80
Westons Cider	Henry Westons Vintage Reserve	Bronze	80
Westons Cider	Old Rosie Flagon		
William Smith & Sons	Willie Smiths Traditional Apple Cider	Silver	85
William Smith & Sons	Willie Smiths 23 Varieties	Silver	85

Judges remarks: Strong class of interesting, traditional ciders. Producers appear to be gaining a better understanding of the traditional style.



New World Sweet Cider (min SG 1.019)

Sponsored by Winequip

CLASS 3A

Producer	Product	Award	Score
Angry Orchard	Angry Orchard Crisp Apple	Bronze	82
Batlow Cider	Batlow Saison Cider	Bronze	80
Bilpin Cider	Bilpin Blush Pink Lady Cider		
Flying Brick Cider Co	Original Cider	Bronze	82
Frank's Cider	Franks Summer Apple Cider	Bronze	83
FUNK Cider	Pink Lady Cider		
Harcourt Cider	Harcourt Apple Cider	Bronze	82
Hillbilly Cider	Sweet Julie	Bronze	81
Magners	Juicy Apple		
Mr Finch	Mr Finch Apple Cider (Bottle)	Bronze	80
Mr Finch	Mr Finch Apple Cider (Cans)	Bronze	78
Nightingale Bros	Alpine Cider Pink Lady Sweet	Bronze	81
Orchard Thieves	Crisp Apple Cider	Bronze	81
Pressman's	Pressmans Apple Cider	Bronze	78
Pressman's	Pressmans Apple Cider Draught	Bronze	78
Pressman's	Pressmans Oaked Cider		
Renberg	Swedish Apple Cider		
SMALL ACRES CYDER	Small Acres Cyder 2016 Appscato	Bronze	80
Storm Brewing Co	Sweet Apple Cider		
Suspicious Squirrel	Suspicious Squirrel Apple Cider	Bronze	82
Sydney Brewery	Sydney Cider	Bronze	83
The Apple Thief	Pink Lady A		
The Apple Thief	Pink Lady B	Bronze	84
The Barossa Cider Co	Squashed Apple Cider	Gold (BOC)	93
Three Oaks Cider Co	Crushed Apple 5%	Bronze	80
Westons Cider	Stowford Press Medium Sweet	Silver	90

Judges remarks: Balance remains elusive, a couple of good examples, and others close.



Traditional Sweet Cider (min SG 1.019)

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CLASS 3B

Producer	Product	Award	Score
CHEEKY GROG CO	SWEET MARENKY	Bronze	82
LOBO Cider	LOBO Royale	Silver (BOC)	88
Seven Oaks Farmhouse Cider	Bramleyseedling	Silver	86

Judges remarks: Strong class.

Method Traditional Cider (disgorged)

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CLASS 4A/B

Producer	Product	Class	Award	Score
Brady's Lookout Cider	Wild 2016	4A	Silver	86
Brady's Lookout Cider	Premium 2016	4A	Bronze	84
Carmel Cider	Oaked Apple	4A	Bronze	82
Carmel Cider	Apple	4A	Bronze	84
Fishbone	Fishbone Dry Cider	4A	Bronze	84
SMALL ACRES CYDER	Small Acres Cyder 2015 Sparkling	4A	Silver	88
White Rabbit	White Rabbit Le Popoleno Blanc	4A	Silver	89
Core Cider	CORE-Rupt-Ed	4B	Bronze	84
Flying Brick Cider Co	2016 MC Cider	4B	Silver	90
Kellybrook	Kellybrook Sparkling Method	4B	Bronze	82
SMALL ACRES CYDER	Small Acres Cyder 2015 The Cat's Pyjamas	4B	Silver	86
St Ronan's	Methode Traditionelle Heritage	4B	Gold (BOC)	93
The Denmark Heritage Cider Company	Blend 14	4B	Silver	86

Judges remarks: 4A: Strong class with some good examples, complexity lacking, range of styles. 4B: Solid quite consistent, exciting potential, some varied styles.



New World Dry Perry (max SG 1.004)

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CLASS 5A

Producer	Product	Award	Score
LOBO Cider	LOBO Dry Pear	Bronze	82
Spreyton Cider Co	Pear Perry	Silver (BOC)	85
ST CLAIR CIDER	ST CLAIR CIDER "PERRY"	Bronze	84
The Apple Thief	William Pear	Bronze	80

Judges remarks: Early days for this category but some promise, need to express fruit.

Traditional Dry Perry (max SG 1.004)

No entries

CLASS 5B

New World Medium Perry (1.004-1.019 SG)

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CLASS 6A

Producer	Product	Award	Score
Core Cider	PeaceCORE	Bronze	78
Flying Brick Cider Co	Pear Cider		
Harcourt Cider	Harcourt Pear Cider	Bronze	84
Hillbilly Cider	Pear Cider	Bronze	81
Kelly Brothers Cider	Pear Cider	Bronze	79
Magners	Pear	Bronze	81
Napoleone	Pear Cider	Bronze	83
Rochdale Cider	Classic Pear	Bronze	78
Sidewood	Pear Cider	Bronze	78
SMALL ACRES CYDER	Small Acres Poire	Bronze	83
Storm Brewing Co	Dry Pear Cider		
The Cider Lab	Packham Pear	Silver (BOC)	85
William Smith & Sons	Willie Smith's Farmhouse Perry		
Yarra Valley Cider	Pure Pear	Bronze	80

Judges remarks: Wide variety of flavour profiles but difficult to get the balance right. Pear often too subtle.



Traditional Medium Perry (1.004-1.019 SG)

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CLASS 6B

Producer	Product	Award	Score
Twisted Sister Cider	Pear Cider	Silver (BOC)	85
Westons Cider	Henry Westons Perry	Bronze	84.5

Judges remarks: N/A

New World Sweet Perry (min SG 1.019)

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CLASS 7A

Producer	Product	Award	Score
Castaway	Castaway Classic Pear Cider 5.0%; 330mL	Bronze	80
Frank's Cider	Franks Summer Pear Cider		
Mr Finch	Mr Finch Pear Perry (Bottle)	Silver (BOC)	85
Mr Finch	Mr Finch Pear Perry (Cans)	Bronze	79
Saxton	Saxton Pear Cider 5.0%; 330mL	Bronze	81
Spreyton Cider Co	Pear Cider		
The Apple Thief	William Pear	Bronze	80
The Barossa Cider Co	Squashed Pear Cider	Bronze	79
The Hills Cider Company	The Hills Cider Company Pear	Bronze	78

Judges remarks: Many sound perries, balance and fruit sought.

Traditional Sweet Perry (min SG 1.019)

No entries

CLASS 7B



Method Traditional Perry (disgorged)

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CLASS 8A/B

Producer	Product	Class	Award	Score
Carmel Cider	Pear	8A	Silver (BOC)	87
Frank's Cider	Method Traditionelle Perry	8A	Silver	86
Napoleone	Methode Traditionelle Pear Cider	8A	Bronze	81
SMALL ACRES CYDER	Small Acres Cyder 2015 Sparkling Perry	8A	Silver	85
St Ronans	Methode Traditionelle Pear	8A	Bronze	81
Core Cider	CORE-Pear-Al	8B	Bronze	80

Judges remarks: Appealing class, top perry demonstrated expressive pear.

Speciality/Experimental Cider or Perry

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CLASS 9

Producer	Product	Award	Score
Beechworth Cider	Cider OAK		
Beechworth Cider	Cider RED		
Core Cider	CORE Fusion	Bronze	79
FUNK Cider	Sex Machine	Bronze	78
Napoleone	La Sidra	Silver	85
Napoleone	Pair A Poire		
PURE PENINSULA HONEY	Manuka Honey Cider	Bronze	82
Pure Peninsula Honey	Sparkling Honeymoon	Bronze	80
Spreyton Cider Co	Bitter Cider		
Sydney Brewery	Agave Ginger Cider	Bronze	82
The Hills Cider Company	The Hills Cider Company Hop Edition	Silver (BOC)	85
White Rabbit	White Rabbit Vintage Cider		WD
William Smith & Sons	Willie Smith's Whisky Barrel Aged Special Reserve Apple Cider		

Judges remarks: This class generated debate but also some confusion amongst the judges. Entries must be interesting but retain cider characteristics.



Apple and Pear Blends

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CLASS 10

Producer	Product	Award	Score
Batlow Cider	Batlow OPA Cider	Bronze	82
Core Cider	CORE Reactor		
Flying Brick Cider Co	PAV		
Henry Of Harcourt	2 Pear		
LOBO Cider	LOBO Apple & Pear	Silver (BOC)	86
Napoleone	Apple W Pear Cider	Bronze	83
The Barossa Cider Co	Cloudy Cider	Silver	85

Judges remarks: A difficult class to judge with lack of balance a common criticism across the board.

Cider or Perry with Fruit

Sponsored by Labelhouse

CLASS 11

Producer	Product	Award	Score
Frank's Cider	Frank's Raspberry Pear Cider	Bronze	80
Monteiths	Sparkling Cider Rose Cuvee		
The Hills Cider Company	The Hills Cider Company Apple Ginger	Silver (BOC)	85
The Hills Cider Company	The Hills Cider Company Apple Pomegranate	Bronze	84

Judges remarks: Small class and varied products. Difficult to judge but some interesting ciders.

Ice Cider or Perry

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CLASS 12

Producer	Product	Award	Score
SMALL ACRES CYDER	Small Acres Cyder 2015 Pomona Ice	Silver (BOC)	86

Judges remarks: N/A



Pommeau

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CLASS 13

Producer	Product	Award	Score
Henry Of Harcourt	GDeI	Bronze	81
SMALL ACRES CYDER	Small Acres Cyder 2010 Pommeau	Silver (BOC)	85

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Apple or Pear Spirit

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CLASS 14

Producer	Product	Award	Score
Captain Bligh's	Rumple	Bronze	84
Charles Oates Distilling	Charles Oates Apple Blanco	Bronze	84
Charles Oates Distilling	Fine Apple Brandy	Bronze	84
Co-Op Cider	Co-Op Cider Brandy		DSQ
Kellybrook	Apple Brandy	Silver	85
LOBO Cider	LOBO Apfel	Bronze	84
LOBO Cider	LOBO Lobodos	Bronze	80
Spreyton Cider Co - Redlands Distillery	Apple Schnapps	Bronze	80
The Hills Cider Company	Adelaide Hills Distillery Virgin Apple Spirit	Silver (BOC)	86

Judges remarks: A strong performing class with great promise for the future.



CHAMPION OF THE INDUSTRY AWARD

The *Champion of the Industry Award* honours individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the Australian cider industry over a prolonged period of time.

Cider Australia is proud to award the inaugural Champion of the Industry Award to Harcourt orchardist and cider maker Drew Henry. It is with much regret that this Award is presented posthumously following the passing of Drew in July 2017.

Drew Henry was the co-owner of Henry of Harcourt based in the Harcourt valley in central Victoria. He was a respected leader in the cider industry and one of the pioneers of the modern Australian cider industry in Australia.

With his wife Irene and son Michael, Drew started making traditional real ciders at the family's orchard and cidery in the late 1990s. He planted and grafted more than 40 English and French varieties of cider apples and perry pears in the family's orchard to produce the particular apples needed to make his ciders, and helped many others do the same. Drew was an entrant in the first Australian cider competition in 2007 held in Lenswood, South Australia. Against Australian and international entrants Drew received the Best in Show award for his Perry and topped the Dry Cider class and the Dessert Cider class.

Drew was a passionate advocate for the traditions and craft of cider making. He was a skilled educator and mentor to many in the cider industry, and generous in his willingness to share knowledge. Drew was a foundation member of Cider Australia.





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