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2014

# AUSTRALIAN CIDER AWARDS

## RESULTS



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Rolling associate position – Sam Reid, Mark Ellis,  
Fiona Kerslake, James Kendell, Jane Anderson

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Max Allen



2014 AUSTRALIAN CIDER AWARD RESULTS

**BEST CIDER**

Thatchers Cider with Thatchers Gold



**BEST PERRY**

Napoleone Cider with Napoleone Methode Traditionelle Pear Cider



**BEST AUSTRALIAN CIDER OR PERRY**

Napoleone Cider with Napoleone Methode Traditionelle Pear Cider



**BEST INTERNATIONAL CIDER OR PERRY**

Thatchers Cider with Thatchers Gold



**BEST IN SHOW**

Thatchers Cider with Thatchers Gold



# CLASS 1A



## New World Dry Cider (specific gravity up to 1005)

Sponsored by Johnston Packaging

Producer	Name of cider	Award	Score
321 Cider	321 Learmonth Traditional Still Cider	Silver	51
Batlow Cider	Batlow Premium Cider		
Gundaroo Cider Company	Jolly Miller Draught Cider		
Hazeldean Forest Farm	King Pippin		
King Valley Cider Co	Traditionally Tart Dry Cider		
Mock Red Hill	Mock Red Hill Dry Cider		
Napoleone Cider	Napoleone Cloudy Apple	Bronze	49.5
Oakvale Wines	Oakvale 2014 Apple Cider		
Small Acres Cyder	Small Acres Cyder Somerset Still 2013	Bronze	49.5
Sydney Brewery	Sydney Cider		
Tin Shed Cider	Tin Shed Still Dry Cider 2013		
Tin Shed Cider	Tin Shed Still Dry Cider 2014		
Zeffer Cider Co.	Crisp Apple Cider	Silver (BOC)	54

**Judges remarks:** “Some excellent examples of fresh cider - but also some clearly faulty products. Fermentation management and maturation issues prevail”

# CLASS 1B



## Traditional Dry Cider (max. 1005 SG)

Sponsored by Johnston Packaging

Producer	Name of cider	Award	Score
Adams Orchard Cider	Adams Orchard Dry Apple Cider	Bronze	46.5
Borrorell Vineyard	Borrorell Vineyard Traditional Heritage Apple Cider	Bronze	48
Core Cider Company	Hardcore Traditional Apple Cider		
Elephants Rock Cider Company	Elephants Rock Scrumpy		
Henry of Harcourt	Kingston Black 13	Silver	52.5
Hillbilly Cider	Hillbilly Vintage Apple Cider		
Phoenix Beers	Henneys Dry Cider	Silver	52.5
Phoenix Beers	Henneys Vintage Cider	Silver	51
Phoenix Beers	Domaine Dupont Cidre Normandy		
The Grove Experience	The Grove House Cider		
Willie Smith's Organic Cider	Willie Smith BONE DRY Cider		
Windermere Cider	Windermere Classic Cider	Silver	51
Zeffe Cider Co.	Zeffe Slack Ma Girdle Cider	Gold (BOC)	55.5

**Judges remarks:** “A strong class. Good variety of style. Some innovation was promising. Do we need a definition of ‘traditional?’”

## CLASS 2A



### New World Medium Cider (between 1005-1012 SG )

Sponsored by Laffort

Producer	Name of cider	Award	Score
Batlow Cider	Batlow Cloudy Cider		
Bilpin Cider Co	Bilpin Original Cider		
Carlton And United Breweries	Bulmers Original Cider		
Cascade Brewing Co	Mercury Dry Cider	Bronze	48
Darkes Cider	Darkes Cider Howler		
Flying Brick Cider Co	Flying Brick Cider Draught Cider	Bronze	49.5
Frank's Cider	Franks Reserve Apple Cider		
Gundaroo Cider Company	Jolly Miller Medium Cider		
Hillbilly Cider	Hillbilly Apple Cider	Silver	51
Jachmann Apple Co.	Jachmann Pink Lady Apple Cider	Silver	52.5
Jachmann Apple Co.	Jachmann Royal Gala Apple Cider	Silver	51
Joyson Cider Company	Wilbur J's Cider		
Kangaroo Island Ciders	Colony Cove Draught Cider	Silver (BOC)	54
Kangaroo Island Ciders	Colony Cove Cider	Bronze	48
Lion	Pipsqueak Apple Cider	Bronze	49.5
Lion	James Squire Orchard Crush Apple		
Mock Red Hill	Mock Red Hill Classic Cider		
Mohawk Cider	Mohawk Apple Cider		
Monteith's Brewing Company	Monteith's Crushed Apple Cider		
Monteith's Brewing Company	Monteith Lightly Crushed Cider		
Mr Little Cider	Mr Little Genuine Cider	Bronze	49.5
Napoleone Cider	Napoleone Apple Cider	Bronze	48
Roma Orchard	Tilse's Apple Truck Cider		
Small Acres Cyder	Small Acres Pomme		
St Ronan's Cider	St Ronan's Apple Cider		
Suspicious Squirrel	Suspicious Squirrel		
The Hills Cider Company	Hills Cider Festival Blend		
The Hills Cider Company	Hills Cider Apple		

**Judges remarks:** "More fruit weight required to achieve top awards. Some promising ciders"



Traditional Medium Cider (between 1005-1012 SG)

Sponsored by Laffort

Producer	Name of cider	Award	Score
Adams Cider Company Ltd	Devils Bit Strong Irish Cider 500ml Bottle		
Lion	Aspall Crisp Draught Suffolk Cider		
LOBO Cider	LOBO Apple		
Thatchers Cider	Thatchers Gold	Gold	55.5
Willie Smith's Organic Cider	Willie Smith Organic Cider		

Judges remarks: "A lovely example"



Judging of the New World Sweet cider category about to commence. It's the largest category this year with 32 entries!



# CLASS 3A



## New World Sweet Cider (min. 1012 SG)

Sponsored by Aussie Apples

Producer	Name of cider	Award	Score
Australian Beer Company	Pressmans Apple Cider		
Bilpin Cider Co	Bilpin Blush Cider		
Blue Elephant Beverage Co	Blue Elephant Cider No.2	Bronze	46.5
Blue Elephant Beverage Co	Blue Elephant Cider No.1		
Carlton And United Breweries	Strongbow Classic Cider		
Cascade Brewing Co	Mercury Draught Cider	Bronze	48
Cascade Brewing Co	Mercury Sweet Cider		
Cellar d'or Pty Ltd	Endless Gippsland Apple Cider		
Coal Valley Cider	Cloudy Apple Cider		
Coal Valley Cider	Late Harvest		
Coal Valley Cider	Mid Harvest		
Core Cider Company	Meltdown Sparkling Apple Cider		
Flying Brick Cider Co	Flying Brick Cider Original Cider		
Frank's Cider	Franks Summer Apple Cider	Bronze	46.5
Golden Axe Cider	Golden Axe Apple Cider		
Lion	Kirin Fuji Apple Cider	Bronze	48
Lion	Tooheys 5 Seeds Crisp		
Lion	Tooheys 5 Seeds Cloudy		
Matilda Bay Brewing Co	Dirty Granny Cider		
Mock Red Hill	Mock Red Hill Sweet Cider	Silver	51
Sacred Valley Beverages	Sacred Valley Apple Cider	Bronze	48
Seven Oaks Farmhouse Cider	Pink Lady	Silver	51
Seven Oaks Farmhouse Cider	Yarlington Mill	Silver	51
Small Acres Cyder	Small Acres Cyder Appscato 2014		
Snakes and Ladders Cider	Snakes And Ladders Apple Cider		
Spreyton Cider Co	Bright 2014	Bronze	48
The Apple Thief	The Apple Thief Pink Lady Cider	Silver (BOC)	54
The Apple Thief	The Apple Thief Granny Smith Cider		
The Barossa Valley Cider Company	Squashed Apple Cider	Bronze	46.5
Tin Shed Cider	Tin Shed Still Sweet Cider		
Too Many Chiefs	Apple Cider		
Winemaking Tasmania P/L	Dock Cider	Bronze	46.5

**Judges remarks:** "Some lovely sweet ciders that will be consistently successful. Too many with sulphide problems"

## CLASS 3B



### Traditional Sweet Cider (min. 1012 SG)

Sponsored by Winequip

Producer	Name of cider	Award	Score
Phoenix Beers	Henneys Sweet Cider		
Red Sails	Red Sails Cider Gold		
Seven Oaks Farmhouse Cider	Bramley Seedling	Bronze (BOC)	49.5
Seven Oaks Farmhouse Cider	Sweet Coppin	Bronze	49.5
Seven Oaks Farmhouse Cider	Rous Latour	Bronze	48

**Judges remarks:** "Sweet cider should be sweet and should have a balanced palate"

## CLASS 4



### Bottle Conditioned / Methode Champenoise Cider

Sponsored by Della Toffola Pacific

Producer	Name of cider	Award	Score
Core Cider Company	CORERUPTED Methode Champenoise Cider	Silver (BOC)	52.5
Elephants Rock Cider Company	Elephants Rock Dry Apple Cider		
Napoleone Cider	Napoleone Methode Traditionelle Apple Cider	Bronze	46.5
Pennyroyal Raspberry Farm & Cidery	Crucible	Bronze	48
Phoenix Beers	Domaine Dupont Cidre Bouche		
Rebello	Cheeky Rascal Methode Traditionelle Apple Cider		
Small Acres Cyder	Small Acres Cyder Sparkling 2012	Silver	51
Spreyton Cider Co	Classic	Bronze	46.5
Spreyton Cider Co	Vintage 2014	Bronze	46.5
St Ronan's Cider	St Ronan's Methode Traditional Apple Cider		

**Judges remarks:** "A solid class but to get to higher awards we suggest more yeast characters. Too many faulty ciders"

## CLASS 5A



### New World Dry Perry (max. 1005 SG)

Sponsored by William Angliss Institute

Producer	Name of cider	Award	Score
Flying Brick Cider Co	Flying Brick Cider Pear Cider	Bronze	49.5
Oakvale Wines	Oakvale 2014 Pear Cider	Bronze	46.5
Paracombe Premium Perry	Eighty 4		
Zeffer Cider Co.	Zeffer Juicy Pear	Silver (BOC)	51

**Judges remarks:** “Impressive results, showing good potential”

## CLASS 5B



### Traditional Dry Perry (max. 1005 SG)

No medals awarded

Producer	Name of cider	Award	Score
Core Cider Company	Reactor Traditional Pear Cider		

**Judges remarks:** “Good fruit style, vinous tannin and acid”

## CLASS 6A



### New World Medium Perry (between 1005-1012 SG)

Sponsored by Summer Snow Juice

Producer	Name of cider	Award	Score
Bilpin Cider Co	Bilpin Pear Cider		
Paracombe Premium Perry	The Triumph	Bronze	46.5
Paracombe Premium Perry	Perfect 5	Bronze	46.5
Small Acres Cyder	Small Acres Poire	Bronze	46.5
The Hills Cider Company	Hills Cider Pear	Bronze (BOC)	46.5

**Judges remarks:** “A strong class. Acid and sugar balance are the fine tuning issues”

## CLASS 6B



### Traditional Medium Perry (between 1005-1012 SG)

Sponsored by Appledale Processors

Producer	Name of cider	Award	Score
Hillbilly Cider	Hillbilly Pear Cider	Silver (BOC)	52.5
LOBO Cider	LOBO Perry	Bronze	49.5
Willie Smith's Organic Cider	Willie Smith's Organic Perry		

**Judges remarks:** "One lovely example"

## CLASS 7A



### New World Sweet Perry (min. 1012 SG)

No medals awarded

Producer	Name of cider	Award	Score
Carlton And United Breweries	Bulmers Pear		
Carlton And United Breweries	Strongbow Pear		
Cellar d'or Pty Ltd	Endless Gippsland Pear Cider		
Core Cider Company	Peacecore Sparkling Pear Cider		
Frank's Cider	Franks Summer Pear Cider		
Monteith's Brewing Company	Monteiths Crushed Pear Cider		
Napoleone Cider	Napoleone Pear Cider		
Paracombe Premium Perry	The Berg		
The Apple Thief	The Apple Thief William Pear Cider		
The Barossa Valley Cider Company	Squashed Pear Cider		

**Judges remarks:** "Disappointing class. Good fruit expression would be rewarding"

## CLASS 7B



### Traditional Sweet Perry (min. 1012 SG)

No entries in class

## CLASS 8



### Bottle Conditioned / Methode Champenoise Perry

Sponsored by Kegstar

Producer	Name of cider	Award	Score
Elephants Rock Cider Company	Elephants Rock Oaked Pear		
Napoleone Cider	Napoleone Methode Traditionelle Pear Cider	Gold (BOC)	55.5
Small Acres Cyder	Small Acres Cyder Sparkling Perry 2013	Bronze	49.5
Spreyton Cider Co	Perry		
St Ronan's	St Ronan's Methode Traditional Pear Cider	Silver	51

**Judges remarks:** "All but one were attractive well made products"

## CLASS 9



### Ice Cider or Perry

Sponsored by Alepat

Producer	Name of cider	Award	Score
Coal Valley Cider	Iced Cider		
Small Acres Cyder	Small Acres Cyder Pomona Ice 2012	Silver	51

**Judges remarks:** "Interesting style"

## CLASS 10



### Fortified Cider or Perry

Sponsored by Alepat

Producer	Name of cider	Award	Score
Napoleone Cider	Napoleone Veil Aged Cider		
Small Acres Cyder	Small Acres Cyder Pommeau 2009	Silver	51

**Judges remarks:** "Interesting products. Will watch with interest"



## Experimental Cider or Perry Sponsored by Beer & Brewer

Producer	Name of cider	Award	Score
Australian Beer Company	Pressman's Mid	Bronze	48
Batlow Cider	Batlow OPA		
Core Cider Company	Perry Pear "moscato"		
Monteith's Brewing Company	Monteiths Crushed Apple Pear Cider		
Willie Smith's Organic Cider	Willie Smith Lark Whisky Barrel Aged		

**Judges remarks:** "It would help the judges to understand the aim of exhibitor - some interesting styles"





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