

Australian Cider Awards

2017 substantive revisions to the Style Guide

- Introductory information has been added to clarify how to enter, key dates, rules for entry and delivery information.
- Cider Australia will mail out entry labels.
- Entries without labels will not be accepted.
- The Style Guide notes that “Judges commented last year that entrants have a better chance of scoring well if ciders are entered in the correct class”.
- A bronze medal is described as a “good” rather than “very good” example.
- The list of trophies has been altered and expanded. The Best Cider trophy is replaced with trophies for Best Traditional Cider and Best New World Cider, and the Best Perry trophy is replaced with trophies for Best Traditional Perry and Best New World Perry. Trophies may be awarded for Best Cider and Perry Blend, Most Successful Small Producer (0-49,999L pa) and Most Successful Larger Producer.
- Class 9 (Speciality/Experimental Cider or Perry) – entries are now eligible for medals (but not trophies).
- Class 10 (Apple & Pear Blends) – the sugar bound has been increased to align with the SG of the sweet perry classes.
- Class 12 (Ice Cider or Perry) – notes that ice cider is a dessert style.
- Class 14 (Apple or Pear spirit) – notes that the source of alcohol must be 100% derived from apples and pears, and apple/pear brandy must be aged in wooden containers for a minimum of two years.