



# RESULTS



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# CIDER AUSTRALIA



## 2015 AUSTRALIAN CIDER AWARD RESULTS

### BEST AUSTRALIAN CIDER OR PERRY

Willie Smith's Cider with Willie Smith's – 18 Varieties



### BEST INTERNATIONAL CIDER OR PERRY

No trophy awarded



### BEST CIDER

Willie Smith's Cider with Willie Smith's – 18 Varieties



### BEST PERRY

No trophy awarded



### BEST IN SHOW

Willie Smith's Cider with Willie Smith's – 18 Varieties



## MEDALS



Gold: 92.5 – 100 points



Silver: 85 – 92 points



Bronze: 77.5 – 84.5 points



## New World Dry Cider (max. 1.002 SG)

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CLASS 1A

Producer	Name of cider	Award	Score
321 Cider	321 Learmonth Traditional Still Cider	Bronze	78
Batlow Cider	Batlow Premium Cider		
Blue Elephant Beverage Co	Draught Cider - Keg		
Bridge Road Brewers	Bridge Road Brewers Scrumpy Cider		
Henry of Harcourt	Original Cider	Bronze	79
Jachmann Apple Co	Jachmann Lady William Apple Cider 500 Ml	Bronze (BOC)	83
Jachmann Apple Co	Jachmann Lady William Apple Cider 750 Ml	Bronze	82
Lost Pippin	Lost Pippin Still		
Mock Red Hill	Mock Red Hill Dry Cider		
Mr Little Cider	Apple Cider		
Red Brick Road Cider	Cox's Orange Pippin Cider	Bronze	78
Spreyton Cider Co	Spreyton Classic Cider		
Sutton's Cider	Suttons Cider	Bronze	80
Willie Smith's Cider	Willie Smith's BONE DRY Cider		

**Judges remarks:** Some concern about ciders entered in the wrong class, sweetness needs to be considered, fruit aromas and flavours will always be awarded ahead of artifact ahead of oak or added tannin, impressive aromas, some of the flavours/palate balance needs work.



## CLASS 1B

### Traditional Dry Cider (max. 1.002 SG) Sponsored by Best Bottlers

Producer	Name of cider	Award	Score
Adams Orchard Cider	Adams Orchard Dry Apple Cider	Bronze	79
Borrodell Vineyard	Borrodell Vineyard's Heritage Apple Cider	Gold (BOC)	93
Core Cider Company	HARDCORE	Bronze	78
Henry of Harcourt	Kingston Black '14		
Kangaroo Island Ciders	Colony Cove Vintage Cider	Bronze	77.5
LOBO Cider	LOBO Norman		
Lost Pippin	Lost Pippin Vintage 2014	Bronze	81
Pennyroyal Raspberry Farm & Cidery	Crucible Cider	Silver	85
Small Acres Cyder	Small Acres Cyder Somerset Still 2014	Silver	85
Spreyton Cider Co	Vintage 2015	Bronze	77.5

**Judges remarks:** A strong class, again there was discussion about class (style and sugar) but the styles that were awarded were the best drinks.



## New World Medium Cider (1.002-1.012 SG)

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CLASS 2A

Producer	Name of cider	Award	Score
Australian Brewery	Fresh Press Cider		
Batlow Cider	Batlow Cloudy Cider		
Bilpin Cider Co	Bilpin Original Cider	Bronze	77.5
Blue Elephant Beverage Co	Cider No.1		
Carlton and United Breweries	Strongbow Clear (Lower Carb) Cider		
Carlton and United Breweries	Bulmers Original	Bronze	77.5
Cheeky Grog Co	Flip Cider	Bronze	78
Core Cider Company	MELTDOWN	Bronze	77.5
Darkes Cider	Howler		
Empire Cider	Empire Apple Cider		
Faire Ferments	Co-Op Apple Cider	Bronze	78
Faire Ferments	Co-Op Cider Orchard Blend	Bronze	78
Flying Brick Cider Co	Flying Brick Draught Cider	Bronze	80
Frank's Cider	Frank's Autumn Apple Reserve		
Golden Axe Cider	Golden Axe Apple Cider	Bronze	77.5
Grand Ridge Brewery	TWISTED SISTER APPLE CIDER	Bronze	78
Gundaroo Cider Company	Jolly Miller Draught Apple Cider		
Harcourt Perry & Cider Makers	Harcourt Apple Cider	Bronze	80
Hillbilly Cider	Hillbilly Apple Cider	Bronze	81
Jachmann Apple Co	Jachmann Royal Gala Apple Cider	Bronze	79
Jachmann Apple Co	Jachmann Pink Lady Apple Cider	Bronze	79
Kangaroo Island Ciders	Colony Cove Cider	Bronze	81
Kangaroo Island Ciders	Colony Cove Draught Cider	Bronze	78
LOBO Cider	LOBO Cloudy Apple		
Lost Pippin	Lost Pippin Wild		
Lost Pippin	Lost Pippin Sparkling		
Main Ridge Cider Company	Main Ridge Cider	Bronze	81
Mock Red Hill	Mock Red Hill Classic Cider	Bronze	80
Napoleone Cider	Napoleone Apple Cider	Bronze	82
Patrick of Coonawarra	Appellation Apple Cider	Bronze	84
Sidewood	Sidewood Basket Pressed Apple Cider	Bronze	77.5
Small Acres Cyder	Small Acres Cyder Norfolk Still 2014	Bronze	82
Small Acres Cyder	Small Acres Pomme	Bronze	78
St Ronan's Cider	St Ronan's Apple Cider		
Sutton's Cider	Suttons Cider		
The Hills Cider Company	Apple Cider	Silver (BOC)	85
The Hills Cider Company	Cloudy Apple Cider	Bronze	81
Three Oaks Cider	Three Oaks Cider Original 'Crushed Apple'		
Willie Smith's Cider	Willie Smith's Organic Cider		
Young Henrys	Cloudy Cider	Bronze	78
Zeffer Cider Co	Crisp Apple Cider	Bronze	78

**Judges remarks:** Consistently better than previous years, but not many ciders that took complexity and depth of fruit to the next level.



## CLASS 2B

### Traditional Medium Cider (1.002-1.012 SG) Sponsored by Vintessential

Producer	Name of cider	Award	Score
Aspall	Aspall Draught Cyder		
Bilpin Cider Co	Bilpin Archibald Cloudy Cider		
LOBO Cider	LOBO Trad	Silver	85
Red Sails	Red Sails Cider Gold	Bronze	81
Thatchers Cider	Thatchers Gold Cider	Silver	87
Willie Smith's Cider	Willie Smith's - 18 Varieties	Gold (BOC)	92.5
Zeffer Cider Co	Slack Ma Girdle	Bronze	82

**Judges remarks:** Another strong class, the top cider displayed depth and classic cider characters. Our international judge commented that this class was more inspired by the English style rather than the French and some were too austere.



## New World Sweet Cider (min. SG 1.012)

Sponsored by Laffort

CLASS 3A

Producer	Name of cider	Award	Score
Australian Beer Company	Pressman's Mid	Bronze	79
Australian Beer Company	Pressman's Apple Cider	Silver	85
Australian Beer Company	Pressman's Apple Cider Draught	Bronze	82
Bilpin Cider Co	Bilpin Blush Cider	Bronze	81
Carlton and United Breweries	Mercury Hard Cider		
Carlton and United Breweries	Strongbow One Cider		
Cellar d'or	Endless Apple Cider		
Cheeky Grog Co	Cheeky Cider		
Flying Brick Cider Co	Flying Brick Original Cider	Silver (BOC)	85
Frank's Cider	Frank's Summer Apple Cider	Bronze	80
Mock Red Hill	Mock Red Hill Sweet Cider	Bronze	81
Sacred Valley Beverages	Sacred Valley Cider	Bronze	78
Spreyton Cider Co	Spreyton Apple Cider		
Sydney Cider	Sydney Cider	Bronze	82
The Apple Thief	The Apple Thief Pink Lady Cider		
The Apple Thief	The Apple Thief Granny Smith Cider	Bronze	77.5
The Barossa Valley Cider Company	Squashed Apple Cider	Silver	85
VIV!D Cider	ViV!D Apple Cider	Bronze	79

**Judges remarks:** A hard class to judge as it is difficult to see behind the sugar. The best examples balance sugar with acid or tannin and show good depth of fruit flavor.



## CLASS 3B

### Traditional Sweet Cider (min. SG 1.012) Sponsored by Della Toffola Pacific

Producer	Name of cider	Award	Score
Blue Elephant Beverage Co	Cider No.2	Bronze	81
Coldstream Brewery	Coldstream Apple Cider		
LOBO Cider	LOBO Royale	Bronze	81
Red Sails	Red Sails Cider Gold		
Seven Oaks Farmhouse Cider	Lady Yarlington	Bronze	79
Seven Oaks Farmhouse Cider	Lady William	Bronze	78
Seven Oaks Farmhouse Cider	Kingston Black	Bronze (BOC)	83
Seven Oaks Farmhouse Cider	Pink Lady	Bronze	79
Seven Oaks Farmhouse Cider	Lady Cox	Bronze	80

**Judges remarks:** A solid class, but lacking standout ciders. International judge commented that whilst these ciders are solidly made they are lacking what he would be looking for in truly traditional old world cider styles.

## CLASS 4A/B

### New World/Traditional Method Traditional Cider (disgorged) (1.000-1.020 SG) Sponsored by Alepat Taylor

Producer	Name of cider	Class	Award	Score
321 Cider	321 Cider Methode Traditionelle Cuvee	4A	Silver (BOC)	88
Core Cider Company	CORE-rupt-ed	4A	Silver	88
Small Acres Cyder	Small Acres Cyder Sparkling 2013	4A	Bronze	81
Small Acres Cyder	Small Acres Cyder The Cat's Pyjamas 2013	4B	Silver	85
St Ronan's Cider	St Ronan's Methode Traditionelle Apple Cider	4A	Bronze	78

**Judges remarks:** Some good examples and good secondary ferment characters, with some discussions on different styles. A couple of ciders have been pointed down because of minor technical issues; if these were addressed these products would really shine.



## New World Dry Perry (max. SG 1.002)

Sponsored by Appledale Processors

CLASS 5A

Producer	Name of cider	Award	Score
Core Cider Company	Perry	Silver (BOC)	86
Flying Brick Cider Co	Flying Brick Pear Cider		
LOBO Cider	LOBO Dry Pear	Silver	85
Spreyton Cider Co	Spreyton Perry	Bronze	83

**Judges remarks:** A very strong class, starting to see some solid, well made styles made from dessert pears. The “wow factor” and acid/fruit/bitterness balance is what is keeping the examples off gold medals.

No entries

CLASS 5B

## New World Medium Perry (1.002-1.012 SG)

Sponsored by Johnston Packaging

CLASS 6A

Producer	Name of cider	Award	Score
Core Cider Company	PEACECORE		
Empire Cider	Empire Pear Cider		
Faire Ferments	Co-Op Pear Cider	Bronze	79
Harcourt Perry & Cider Makers	Harcourt Pear Cider	Bronze	80
LOBO Cider	LOBO Perry	Bronze	79
Lost Pippin	Lost Pippin Sparkling Pear		
Mr Little Cider	Mr Little Pear Cider	Bronze	79
Red Brick Road Cider	Medium Sweet Perry	Bronze	81
Sidewood	Sidewood Basket Pressed Pear Cider	Bronze	80
Small Acres Cyder	Small Acres Poire	Bronze	79
The Hills Cider Company	Pear Cider	Silver (BOC)	91
Three Oaks Cider	Three Oaks Cider 'Crisp Pear'	Bronze	82

**Judges remarks:** We are impressed with the improvement of quality and lack of fermentation faults, and the number of medals reflects this. It was good to see good pear characters and fruit weight in the top examples.



## CLASS 6B

### Traditional Medium Perry (min. 1.012 SG) No medals awarded

Producer	Name of cider	Award	Score
Hillbilly Cider	Hillbilly Pear Cider		

## CLASS 7A

### New World Sweet Perry (min. 1.012 SG) Sponsored by William Angliss Institute

Producer	Name of cider	Award	Score
Cellar d'or	ENDLESS PEAR CIDER		
Frank's Cider	Frank's Summer Pear Cider	Silver	85
Grand Ridge Brewery	TWISTED SISTER PEAR CIDER	Bronze	81
Napoleone Cider	Napoleone Pear Cider 330ml	Silver	86
Spreyton Cider Co	Spreyton Pear Cider	Bronze	80
The Apple Thief	The Apple Thief William Pear Cider	Bronze	80
The Barossa Valley Cider Company	Squashed Pear Cider	Silver (BOC)	87

**Judges remarks:** Very strong class with some excellent examples of sweet perrys. Sweetness requires texture, acid and phenolics to balance it, and in world class examples these should be fine tuned to be perfectly in harmony. For gold medal perrys you also need a wow factor.

## CLASS 7B

### Traditional Sweet Perry (min. SG : 1.012) No medals awarded

Producer	Name of cider	Award	Score
Coldstream Brewery	Coldstream Pear Cider		

## New World/Traditional Method Traditional Perry (disgorged) (1.000-1.020 SG)

CLASS 8A/B

Sponsored by Australia Trade Tasting

Producer	Name of cider	Class	Award	Score
Frank's Cider	Frank's Perry (Methode Champenoise)	8A	Silver (BOC)	87.5
Napoleone Cider	Napoleone Methode Traditionnelle Pear 500ml	8A	Bronze	81
Small Acres Cyder	Small Acres Cyder Sparkling Perry 2013	8B	Bronze	80
St Ronan's Cider	St Ronan's Methode Traditionnelle Pear Cider	8A	Silver	86
The Hills Cider Company	2010 Methode Perry	8B		

**Judges remarks:** A very good class, the top award could have been a top medal cider if everything was in balance. Traditional perry probably needs to show more traditional perry pear characters.

## Cider or Perry with Fruit

CLASS 9

Sponsored by Winequip

Producer	Name of cider	Award	Score
Cheeky Rascal Cider	Passion Fruit Pink Lady	Bronze (BOC)	82
Cheeky Rascal Cider	Apple Guava		
Cheeky Rascal Cider	Blood Orange Lemoncello Pear	Bronze	82
Cheeky Rascal Cider	Apple Lime Mint Chilli		
Core Cider Company	Quince		
The Hills Cider Company	Apple And Pomegranate	Bronze	79

**Judges remarks:** Discussion amongst judges as to the purpose of this class in the show. Perhaps there should be more guidance to judges and exhibitors. It was nice to see real fruit characters and clean fermentation rather than synthetic esters. Maybe these styles would perform better in a fruit wine show.



## CLASS 10

### Specialty/Experimental Cider or Perry Sponsored by Summer Snow Juice

Producer	Name of cider	Award	Score
Batlow Cider	Batlow OPA Cider	Silver (BOC)	85
Cheeky Grog Co	Crabby Johnny Cider		
Hillbilly Cider	Hillbilly Vintage Apple Cider	Silver	85
LOBO Cider	LOBO Apple And Pear		
Spreyton Cider Co	Spreyton Bitter Cider		
Sydney Cider	Agave Ginger Cider	Bronze	80
The Hills Cider Company	Apple Ginger Hybrid	Bronze	77.5
The Hills Cider Company	Hop Edition	Silver	85
Willie Smith's Cider	Willie Smith's Lark Whisky Barrel Aged Cider	Bronze	80

**Judges remarks:** Judges thought there were some very interesting styles and some interesting ideas that should be pursued, with improved techniques to retain cider character.

## CLASS 11

### Ice Cider or Perry Sponsored by Kegstar

Producer	Name of cider	Award	Score
Small Acres Cyder	Small Acres Cyder Pomona Ice 2015	Silver (BOC)	89

## CLASS 12

### Specialty/Experimental Cider or Perry Sponsored by Australia Trade Tasting

Producer	Name of cider	Award	Score
Henry of Harcourt	G Del	Silver (BOC)	91
Lost Pippin	Lost Pippin Pommeau	Bronze	83
Napoleone Cider	Napoleone Veil Aged Cider 375ml	Bronze	78
Small Acres Cyder	Small Acres Cyder Pommeau 2010	Silver	90

**Judges remarks:** Class name needs broadening as there was more than Pommeau styles. The judges were very impressed by how well made the exhibits were, although 3 were a bit young, and one was a little too oaky.

## CLASS 13

### Apple or Pear Spirit No medals awarded

Producer	Name of cider	Award	Score
Willie Smith's Cider	Willie Smith's Apple Schnapps		





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