



Class 1A: Dry Modern Cider

Zeden	NV	'Birdsong' Crisp Apple
Gadoochi Brewing	2024	Cry Baby

Class #	Score	Medal
1A 1	89.0	Bronze
1A 2	89.0	Bronze

Class 1A Comments:

Ciders were instantly forgettable

Class 1B: Off-Dry Modern Cider

The Cider Factorie	NV	Rose Cider
The Cider Factorie	NV	Classic Apple
Scrumpy	NV	Apple
Capital Cider Co.	NV	K.I.S.S.
Zeffer	NV	Crisp Apple

Class #	Score	Medal
1B 1	91.5	Silver
1B 2	90.0	Silver
1B 3	90.0	Silver
1B 4	88.0	Bronze
1B 5	85.5	Bronze

Class 1B Comments:

A good spectrum of styles across this class.

Class 1C: Medium Modern Cider

Sprig + Fern	NV	Apple Cider
Bohemian Cider	NV	The Naturalist
Harvest	NV	Original Crisp Apple Cider
Capital Cider Co.	NV	Easy Rider
Morningcider	NV	ULT
Hawkes Bay Brewing Co.	NV	Fat Ass Scrumpy
Morningcider	NV	Cider
Two Thumb Brewing Company	2024	Mr Brightcider

Class #	Score	Medal
1C 1	84.5	
1C 2	84.5	
1C 3	92.0	Silver
1C 4	95.0	Gold
1C 5	86.0	Bronze
1C 6	84.0	
1C 7	89.5	Bronze
1C 8	86.5	Bronze

Class 1C Comments:

Room for improvement. Particularly on balance. Some good examples.



Class 1D: Sweet Modern Cider

Class # Score Medal

Class 1D Comments:

Class 2A: Dry Traditional Cider

Remutaka Cidery	NV	Kingston Black
Elemental Cider	2024	Totally Oaked
Peckham's Cidery and Orchard	NV	Kingston Black
Peckham's Cidery and Orchard	NV	Reserve Dry

Class #	Score	Medal
2A 1	92.0	Silver
2A 2	93.0	Silver
2A 3	96.5	Gold
2A 4	91.5	Silver

Class 2A Comments:

Very impressed with this class. Lots of complexity for the dry category

Class 2B: Off-Dry Traditional Cider

The Cider Factorie	NV	Oikimoke Road
Peckham's Cidery and Orchard	NV	Farmhouse
Paynter's Cider	2023	The Pilgrim
Peckham's Cidery and Orchard	NV	Classic Apple
Peckham's Cidery and Orchard	2023	Knotted Kernel
Peckham's Cidery and Orchard	2023	Chisel Jersey

Class #	Score	Medal
2B 1	83.0	
2B 2	93.5	Silver
2B 3	86.5	Bronze
2B 4	95.5	Gold
2B 5	91.0	Silver
2B 6	95.0	Gold

Class 2B Comments:

Enjoyable class to judge. Appropriate levels of both volatility and brett were controversial talking points.



Class 2C: Medium Traditional Cider

Remutaka Cidery	NV	Home Orchard
Peckham's Cidery and Orchard	NV	Hazy Apple
The Cider Factorie	NV	Cidermaker's Reserve
Remutaka Cidery	NV	Kowhiti Orchard Cider
Paynter's Cider	2023	The Alchemist
Remutaka Cidery	NV	Orchard House
Bulmers	NV	Original Cider
Hawkes Bay Brewing Co.	NV	Kingston Apple Cider
The Cider Factorie	NV	Le Frenchie

Class #	Score	Medal
2C 1	92.0	Silver
2C 2	96.0	Gold
2C 3	84.0	
2C 4	93.0	Silver
2C 5	92.0	Silver
2C 6	87.5	Bronze
2C 7	92.5	Silver
2C 8	88.5	Bronze
2C 9	92.5	Silver

Class 2C Comments:

Overall ok, very varied in styles. Drinkable.

Class 2D: Sweet Traditional Cider

Class #	Score	Medal
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Class 2D Comments:

Class 3: Perry / Pear Cider

Peckham's Cidery and Orchard	NV	Perry
Old Mout	NV	Pear Scrumpy
Elemental Cider	2024	Pear Drop
Paynter's Cider	2023	The Pict
TeePee Cider	2020	The Earl's Drop

Class #	Score	Medal
3 1	87.5	Bronze
3 2	80.5	
3 3	85.0	Bronze
3 4	90.0	Silver
3 5	93.0	Silver

Class 3 Comments:

Wide selection of styles.

Class 4A: Cider with Fruit

			Class #	Score	Medal
Thomas & Rose	NV	Apple Cider with Nashi Pear & Passionfruit	4A 3	84.0	
Orchard Thieves	NV	feijoa and lime with cider	4A 4	87.5	Bronze
Orchard thieves	NV	Peach and Passionfruit with Cider	4A 5	90.0	Silver
Good George Brewing	NV	Mango Mimosa	4A 6	85.0	Bronze
Zeffer	NV	Hazy Passionfruit	4A 7	90.0	Silver
Mata	NV	Feijoa Cider	4A 8	91.0	Silver
Paynter's Cider	2024	Mon Cherry	4A 9	95.0	Gold
Thomas & Rose	NV	Apple Cider with Watermelon & Cucumber	4A 13	87.5	Bronze
Mata	NV	Golden Kiwi	4A 14	95.0	Gold
Elemental Cider	2024	Orchard Fall	4A 15	85.0	Bronze
Old Mout	NV	Scrumpy & Tropical	4A 16	84.5	
Scrumpy	NV	Apple Cider with Lemon	4A 18	86.5	Bronze
Mata	NV	Red Kiwi	4A 19	90.0	Silver
Good George Brewing	NV	Doris Plum Cider	4A 21	91.0	Silver
Sprig + Fern	NV	Mango + Lime Cider	4A 22	83.5	
Good George Brewing	NV	Passionfruit Cider	4A 23	90.0	Silver
Gadoochi Brewing	2024	Seagull Cider with Plums	4A 24	75.5	

Class 4A Comments:

Overall a mixed class with some faults. Fruits were muted.

Table 2 - some controversial styles.

Class 4B: Cider with Spices or Botanicals

			Class #	Score	Medal
Morningcider	NV	Cider Sangria	4B 1	93.0	Silver
Morningcider	NV	Cherry Bomb	4B 2	91.5	Silver
Scrumpy	NV	Apple Cider with Ginger	4B 3	90.0	Silver
Peckham's Cidery and Orchard	NV	Spiced Apple	4B 4	91.5	Silver
Thomas & Rose	NV	Apple Cider with Apple & Ginger	4B 5	82.5	
Old Mill Cider	2024	Citrus & Ginger	4B 6	89.0	Bronze
Capital Cider Co.	NV	Winning	4B 7	86.5	Bronze
Bohemain Cider	NV	Double Buzz	4B 8	91.0	Silver
Elemental Cider	2024	Pohutukawa Flower	4B 9	95.0	Gold

Class 4B Comments:

Interesting class. Some well weighted use of spices and botanicals.

Table 1 class comment - Interesting use of spices. On the whole good ciders, well made and delicious.

Class 4C: Cider with Hops

			Class #	Score	Medal
Morningcider	NV	Apple IPA	4C 1	90.0	Silver
Remutaka Cidery	NV	Hopped Cider	4C 2	85.0	Bronze

Class 4C Comments:

Two very different examples of the style. Not overly exciting for either. Hop use needs work.

Class 4D: Cider with Berries

			Class #	Score	Medal
Mata	NV	Merry Berry	4D 1	95.0	Gold
Good George Brewing	NV	Blueberry and Apple Cider	4D 2	91.5	Silver
Peckham's Cidery and Orchard	NV	Boysenberry	4D 3	96.0	Gold
Capital Cider Co.	NV	Love & Money	4D 4	91.5	Silver
Orchard Thieves	NV	Red Berries with Cider	4D 5	93.0	Silver
Morningcider	NV	Strawberry Rosé	4D 6	88.5	Bronze
Gadoochi Brewing	2024	Old Henries Cider with mixed berries	4D 7	85.0	Bronze
Old Mout	NV	Scrumpy & Berry	4D 8	88.5	Bronze
Sprig + Fern	NV	Berry Cider	4D 9	86.5	Bronze
Scrumpy	NV	Apple Cider with Raspberry	4D 10	84.5	
Old Mill Cider	2024	Purple Haze	4D 11	96.0	Gold
Bohemian Cider	NV	Twig & Berries	4D 12	82.5	
Thomas & Rose	NV	Apple Cider with Strawberry & Lime	4D 13	80.5	
Good George Brewing	NV	Strawberry Daiquiri	4D 14	89.5	Bronze
Morningcider	NV	BLACK	4D 15	90.5	Silver
Zeffer	NV	Peach and Berry	4D 16	87.5	Bronze

Class 4D Comments:

Generally ok. Balanced use of fruit. Some exciting and well made examples.



Class 5A: Ice Cider or Perry

The Cider Factorie NV Sparkling Ice

Class #	Score	Medal
5A 1	96.5	Gold

Class 5A Comments:

Excellent

Class 5B: Bottle Fermented Cider

Elemental Cider 2024 Dry As
 TeePee Cider 2019 The Earl's Drop
 The Cider Factorie NV Pet Nat Pear
 Totaranui Orchard Cider 2022 CH

Class #	Score	Medal
5B 1	92.5	Silver
5B 2	89.0	Bronze
5B 3	92.5	Silver
5B 4	87.0	Bronze

Class 5B Comments:

Mixed with some interesting ciders.

Class 5C: No/Low Alcohol Cider or Perry

Zeffer NV 0% Passionfruit
 The Cider Factorie NV Lil Feijoa
 Peckham's Cidery and Orchard NV Apple Zero
 Harvest NV Summer Citrus Apple Cider with Lemon
 Morningcider NV 0% Crisp Apple
 Zeffer NV 0% Crisp Apple
 The Cider Factorie NV Lil Cid
 Good George Brewing NV Non-Alcoholic Doris Plum Cider

Class #	Score	Medal
5C 1	92.5	Silver
5C 2	90.5	Silver
5C 3	95.0	Gold
5C 4	90.0	Silver
5C 5	90.0	Silver
5C 6	84.0	
5C 7	89.0	Bronze
5C 8	91.0	Silver

Class 5C Comments:

Excellent class and we were pleasantly surprised by the complexity of the ciders.



Class 5D: Fortified Cider

Class # Score Medal

Class 5D Comments:

Class 5E: Other Specialty Cider

Class # Score Medal

Class 5E Comments:

Class 6: Evaluation Class; cider

Class # Score Medal

Class 6 Comments:

Class 7A: Seltzer & Spritzer Style Fruit Wine

Class #	Score	Medal
7A 1	89.0	Bronze
7A 2	84.5	
7A 3	90.5	Silver
7A 4	87.0	Bronze
7A 5	90.0	Silver
7A 6	84.5	

Zangria	NV	Pineapple, Mango & NZ wine
Zangria	NV	Rose, Watermelon & Berries
Slight Twist	NV	Ginger Margarita
Slight Twist	NV	Citrus Spritz
Slight Twist	NV	Cherry Sling
Slight Twist	NV	Mai Tai

Class 7A Comments:

Great improvement in this class with some interesting and sessionable styles.



Class 7B: Alcoholic Lemonade

Morningcider NV Old Fassioned Hard Lemonade

Class #	Score	Medal
7B 1	87.5	Bronze

Class 7B Comments:

What can I say - Simple

Class 7C: Alcoholic Ginger Beer

Sprig + Fern	NV	Grown Up Ginger Beer
The Cider Factorie	NV	Ginger Beesies
Mata	NV	Ginja Ninja
Ranga	NV	Ranga Alcoholic Gingerbeer
Zeffer	NV	Hazy Gingerbeer

Class #	Score	Medal
7C 1	84.0	
7C 2	94.0	Silver
7C 3	88.0	Bronze
7C 4	85.0	Bronze
7C 5	83.5	

Class 7C Comments:

Varied, with some faults. Interesting variations on the theme.

Class 7D: Other Alcoholic Soft Drinks

Class #	Score	Medal
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Class 7D Comments:

Class 8A: Still Fruit Wine

Mirabelle	NV	Blush of Dusk
Monavale Blueberries	2019	Organic Blueberry Wine
Lothlorien Winery	NV	Still Apple & Feijoa Fruit Wine
Mirabelle	NV	Late Summer Serenity

Class #	Score	Medal
8A 1	92.0	Silver
8A 2	95.0	Gold
8A 3	89.0	Bronze
8A 4	89.0	Bronze



Class 8A Comments:

The red fruit wines were very lovely examples of style. The whites were not the best examples of the style, but created robust discussion.

Class 8B: Sparkling Fruit Wine

			Class #	Score	Medal
Lothlorien Winery	NV	Dry Sparkling Apple & Feijoa Fruit Wine	8B 1	93.0	Silver
Lothlorien Winery	NV	Reserve Sparkling Feijoa & Apple Fruit Wine	8B 2	89.0	Bronze
Lothlorien Winery	NV	Medium Sparkling Apple & Feijoa Fruit Wine	8B 3	89.5	Bronze
TeePee Cider	2023	The Earl's Drop Cider fermented with Medlar	8B 4	84.5	

Class 8B Comments:

Getting balance correct a key area of judges discussion.

Class 9A: Fortified Fruit Wine

			Class #	Score	Medal
Lothlorien Winery	NV	Feijoa & Manuka Honey Liqueur	9A 1	95.5	Gold
Ruahine Ports	2024	Roaring Red Boysenberry	9A 2	93.0	Silver
Ruahine Ports	2024	Frisky Fallow	9A 3	91.0	Silver
Ruahine Ports	2024	Grumpy Goose	9A 4	96.0	Gold

Class 9A Comments:

Excellent class. Very difficult to select an overall winner.

Class 9B: Fruit Liqueur

Class # Score Medal

Class 9B Comments:



Class 10A: Honey Mead

Class # Score Medal

Class 10A Comments:

Class 10B: Mead with Spices/Herbs

Class # Score Medal

Class 10B Comments:

Class 10C: Mead with fruits

Class # Score Medal

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Class 10C Comments:

Encouraging to see examples of fruit in a traditional mead style.

Class 10D: Fortified Mead or Mead Liqueur

Class # Score Medal

Class 10D Comments:



Class 11: Alcoholic Kombucha / Hard Tea

Beach Booch	NV	Grapefruit Ginger (90 Mile Booch)
Beach Booch Hard Kombucha	NV	Peach Chilli (Ocean Booch)
Kombucha Bros	NV	Blood Orange Easy
Kombucha Bros	NV	Gin & Ginger
Beach Booch	NV	Strawberry Mojito (Bethell's Booch)
Beach Booch	NV	Berry Lemon Sage (Raglan Booch)
Kombucha Bros	NV	Pitahaya & Pineapple

Class 11 Comments:

Very innovative use of flavours. All well made.

Class #	Score	Medal
11 1	88.0	Bronze
11 2	86.0	Bronze
11 3	90.0	Silver
11 4	95.0	Gold
11 5	92.0	Silver
11 6	91.5	Silver
11 7	90.5	Silver

Class 12: Evaluation Category (fruit wine & mead)

Class #	Score	Medal
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Class 12 Comments: