



Class 1A: Dry Modern Cider

Gadoochi Brewing	2025	Cry Baby
Hairy Horse Cider	2024	The Thoroughbred
Ryder Cyder	NV	Ginga
Old Mill	2025	Bootleg
Hairy Horse Cider	2025	The Pinto

Class #	Score	Medal
1A 1	82.5	
1A 2	88.0	Bronze
1A 3	0.0	Withdrawn
1A 4	77.0	
1A 5	85.0	Bronze

Class 1A Comments:

Interesting ciders many with good qualities. Some lack balance and refinement. Others are faulted or sit too far out of the style category to be awarded highly.

Class 1B: Off-Dry Modern Cider

Zeffer	NV	Crisp Apple
Capital Cider Co.	NV	K.I.S.S.
Ryder Cyder	NV	Blush
Zeden	NV	Crisp Apple Cider

Class #	Score	Medal
1B 1	96.0	Gold
1B 2	88.5	Bronze
1B 3	0.0	Withdrawn
1B 4	85.0	Bronze

Class 1B Comments:

Cool stuff.

Class 1C: Medium Modern Cider

Morningcider	NV	Cider
Sprig + Fern	NV	Apple Cider
Ryder Cyder	NV	Skinny Lemon
Capital Cider Co.	NV	Easy Rider
Morningcider	NV	ULT
Hairy Horse Cider	2025	The Draught Horse

Class #	Score	Medal
1C 1	91.5	Silver
1C 2	84.5	
1C 3	0.0	Withdrawn
1C 4	95.0	Gold
1C 5	89.0	Bronze
1C 6	82.0	

Class 1C Comments:

Ciders in this class were on the low end of sweet modern cider which was nice to see. People are working a bit of complexity into the class, but try not to add too much as it's no longer true to class. Overall a pretty nice bunch.



Class 1D: Sweet Modern Cider

Class # Score Medal

Class 1D Comments:

Class 2A: Dry Traditional Cider

Peckham's Cidery and Orchard	NV	Reserve Dry
Peckham's Cidery and Orchard	NV	Kingston Black
Elemental Cider	2025	Totally Oaked
Ryder Cyder	NV	Ryder Cyder Ultra

Class #		Score	Medal
2A	1	95.0	Gold
2A	2	95.0	Gold
2A	3	90.5	Silver
2A	4	83.0	

Class 2A Comments:

Yay!

Class 2B: Off-Dry Traditional Cider

Peckham's Cidery and Orchard	2023	Major
Scoundrels and Rogues Craft Cider	NV	Bad Habit Sinful Cider
Ryder Cyder	NV	Gold Digga
Peckham's Cidery and Orchard	NV	Farmhouse
Scoundrels and Rogues Craft Cider	NV	Pleasantly Corrupted Apple Cider
Peckham's Cidery and Orchard	2021	Bitter Harry
Peckham's Cidery and Orchard	NV	Classic Apple

Class #		Score	Medal
2B	1	96.5	Gold
2B	2	84.0	
2B	3	87.5	Bronze
2B	4	90.0	Silver
2B	5	83.5	
2B	6	95.0	Gold
2B	7	84.0	

Class 2B Comments:

Done!



Class 2C: Medium Traditional Cider

Peckham's Cidery and Orchard NV Hazy Apple

Class #	Score	Medal
2C 1	90.5	Silver

Class 2C Comments:

Quick one!

Class 2D: Sweet Traditional Cider

Class #	Score	Medal
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Class 2D Comments:

Class 3: Perry / Pear Cider

Elemental Cider 2025 Pear Drop
 Scoundrels and Rogues Craft Cider 2023 Morally Bankrupt Pear Cider

Class #	Score	Medal
3 1	89.5	Bronze
3 2	85.0	Bronze

Class 3 Comments:

Challenging. Both very different. Somewhat polarising.

Class 4A: Cider with Fruit (Non-berry)

Morningcider NV Feijoa & Lime
 Zeffer NV Hazy Passionfruit
 Orchard Thieves NV Peach & Passionfruit with Cider
 Good George Brewing NV Doris Plum Cider
 Mata NV Golden Kiwi
 Zeden NV Apple Cider With Feijoa
 Sprig + Fern NV Grown Up Lemon + Lime
 Good George Brewing NV Passionfruit Margarita

Class #	Score	Medal
4A 1	88.5	Bronze
4A 2	93.0	Silver
4A 3	85.5	Bronze
4A 4	79.5	
4A 5	95.0	Gold
4A 6	90.5	Silver
4A 7	81.5	
4A 8	85.5	Bronze



Sprig + Fern	NV	Mango + Lime Cider	4A	9	83.0	
Old Mout	NV	Scrumpy & Tropical	4A	10	84.0	
Good George Brewing	NV	Mango Mimosa	4A	11	90.0	Silver

Class 4A Comments:

Mixed class.

Class 4B: Cider with Spices or Botanicals

Morningcider	NV	Peace o Pie Cider	4B	1	88.0	Bronze
Elemental Cider	2025	Wild Ginger	4B	2	93.0	Silver
Morningcider	NV	Habanero & Lime	4B	3	90.0	Silver
Morningcider	NV	Pavlova Cider	4B	4	87.0	Bronze
Elemental Cider	2025	Pohutukawa Flower	4B	5	95.0	Gold
Peckham's Cidery and Orchard	NV	Elderflower	4B	6	87.0	Bronze

Class 4B Comments:

Very unique and interesting blends. Good use of adjuncts overall in terms of keeping the drinks fresh. The ciders were all sound.

Class 4C: Cider with Hops

Morningcider	NV	Apple IPA	4C	1	87.0	Bronze
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Class 4C Comments:

Sessionable but use more hop!



Class 4D: Cider with Berry Fruits

			Class #	Score	Medal
Good George Brewing	NV	Strawberry Daiquiri	4D 1	90.0	Silver
Mata	NV	Merry Berry	4D 2	90.0	Silver
Old Mout	NV	Scrumpy & Berry	4D 3	85.0	Bronze
Old Mill	2023	Farmhouse Blackberry	4D 4	95.0	Gold
Good George Brewing	NV	Blueberry and Apple Cider	4D 5	95.0	Gold
Zeffer	NV	Peach and Berry	4D 6	92.5	Silver
Morningcider	NV	Strawberry Rosé	4D 7	86.0	Bronze
Orchard Thieves	NV	Red Berries	4D 8	87.0	Bronze
Peckham's Cidery and Orchard	NV	Boysenberry	4D 9	85.0	Bronze
Sprig + Fern	NV	Berry Cider	4D 10	83.0	

Class 4D Comments:

Variable. Layers of berries present. Some good complexity and some really clean ciders. The ones that have not scored well are due to faults or sugar/acid balance.

Class 5A: Ice Cider or Perry

			Class #	Score	Medal
Scoundrels and Rogues Craft Cider	2020	Cold Shoulder Ice Cider	5A 1	97.0	Gold

Class 5A Comments:

Just fantastic

Class 5B: Bottle Fermented Cider

			Class #	Score	Medal
TeePee Cider	2024	The Earl's Drop Yarlington Mill Single Vintage	5B 1	92.5	Silver
The Cider Factorie	2020	Resident Hawk	5B 2	88.0	Bronze
TeePee Cider	2024	The Earl's Drop Home Orchard Perry	5B 3	86.5	Bronze
TeePee Cider	2024	The Earl's Drop Kingston Black Single Vintage	5B 4	88.0	Bronze
Elemental Cider	2025	Dry As	5B 5	96.0	Gold

Class 5B Comments:

Intriguing. Lots of secondary fermentation characters, but the base ciders need a bit of cleaning up as some of the characters are off putting. Austerity can be seen as a positive thing but balance is important.



Class 5C: No/Low Alcohol Cider or Perry

Peckham's Cidery and Orchard	NV	Apple Zero
Zeffer	NV	0% Passionfruit
Old Mill	2025	0.5% Cider with Boysenberry
Zeffer	NV	0% Crisp Apple
Morningcider	NV	0% Crisp Apple
Good George Brewing	NV	Non-Alcoholic Doris Plum Cider

Class #	Score	Medal
5C 1	90.0	Silver
5C 2	95.0	Gold
5C 3	87.5	Bronze
5C 4	87.5	Bronze
5C 5	89.0	Bronze
5C 6	86.0	Bronze

Class 5C Comments:
ABC

Class 5D: Fortified Cider

Class #	Score	Medal
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Class 5D Comments:

Class 5E: Other Specialty Cider

Scoundrels and Rogues Craft Cider	2023	Evil Genius Imperial Cider
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Class #	Score	Medal
5E 1	93.0	Silver

Class 5E Comments:
Nice.

Class 6: Evaluation Class; cider

Class #	Score	Medal
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Class 6 Comments:



Class 7A: Seltzer & Spritzer Style Fruit Wine

Zangria	NV	Wildberry & Citrus Fizz
Zeffer	NV	Limoncello Spritz
Zeffer	NV	Bellini Spritz
Zeffer	NV	Bramble Spritz

Class #	Score	Medal
7A 1	95.0	Gold
7A 2	87.5	Bronze
7A 3	90.0	Silver
7A 4	90.0	Silver

Class 7A Comments:

An interesting and generally well executed selection of alternative beverages.

Class 7B: Alcoholic Lemonade

Ranga	NV	Alcoholic Lemonade with Lime & Bitters
Morningcider	NV	Old Fashioned Hard Lemonade

Class #	Score	Medal
7B 1	95.0	Gold
7B 2	90.0	Silver

Class 7B Comments:

Both very different, one clean and fresh, the other with layers (and a small fault which added to the complexity). Interesting

Class 7C: Alcoholic Ginger Beer

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

Class #	Score	Medal
7C 1	92.0	Silver
7C 2	86.0	Bronze
7C 3	84.0	
7C 4	88.0	Bronze

Class 7C Comments:

Done!



Class 7D: Other Alcoholic Soft Drinks

Class # Score Medal

Class 7D Comments:

Class 8A: Still Fruit Wine

			Class #	Score	Medal
Lothlorien Winery	NV	Organic Feijoa Fruit Wine Still	8A 1	87.5	Bronze
Mirabelle Fruit Winer	NV	Blush of Dusk - Plum Rosè	8A 2	89.5	Bronze
Lothlorien Winery	NV	Still Apple & Feijoa Fruit Wine	8A 3	93.0	Silver
Mirabelle Fruit Wine	NV	Late Summer Serenity Dry - Dry Feijoa Wine	8A 4	84.0	
Fruetica	2025	Blueberry Wine	8A 5	90.5	Silver
Mirabelle Fruit Wine	NV	Gold - Medium Gold Kiwifruit Wine	8A 6	89.0	Bronze
Mirabelle Fruit Wine	NV	Late Summer Serenity Medium - Medium Feijoa Wine	8A 7	88.5	Bronze

Class 8A Comments:

Pretty mixed bag, downside was oxidation. Some interesting combinations

Class 8B: Sparkling Fruit Wine

			Class #	Score	Medal
Lothlorien Winery	NV	Dry Sparkling Apple & Feijoa Fruit Wine	8B 1	95.0	Gold
Mirabelle Fruit Wine	NV	Sweet Harmony - Sparkling Feijoa and Luisa Plum Fruit	8B 2	87.0	Bronze
Mirabelle Fruit Wine	NV	Radiant Ruby - Sparkling Plum Fruit Wine	8B 3	90.5	Silver
Lothlorien Winery	NV	Reserve Sparkling Feijoa & Apple Fruit Wine	8B 4	89.5	Bronze
Lothlorien Winery	NV	Medium Sparkling Apple & Feijoa Fruit Wine	8B 5	95.0	Gold

Class 8B Comments:

Good quality of wines.



Class 9A: Fortified Fruit Wine

Lothlorien Winery	NV	Feijoa & Manuka Honey Liqueur
Ruahine Ports Limited	NV	The Roar
Ruahine Ports Limited	NV	Randy Rabbit
Ruahine Ports Limited	NV	Grumpy Goose
Ruahine Ports Limited	NV	Golden Trout Feijoa
Ruahine Ports Limited	NV	Roaring Red Boysenberry
Ruahine Ports Limited	NV	Plump Pheasant Plum

Class #	Score	Medal
9A 1	95.5	Gold
9A 2	88.0	Bronze
9A 3	87.0	Bronze
9A 4	95.0	Gold
9A 5	87.5	Bronze
9A 6	90.0	Silver
9A 7	90.0	Silver

Class 9A Comments:

Well fortified.

Class 9B: Fruit Liqueur

Class #	Score	Medal
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Class 9B Comments:

Class 10: Mead

Undisturbed	NV	Kanuka
Undisturbed	NV	Manuka
Undisturbed	NV	Forest Mead
Undisturbed	NV	Rhubarb'd
Mirabelle Fruit Wine	2024	Crimson Spice - Sweet Plum Mead

Class #	Score	Medal
10 1	90.5	Silver
10 2	88.0	Bronze
10 3	88.5	Bronze
10 4	93.5	Silver
10 5	95.5	Gold

Class 10 Comments:

The effect of alcohol is tricky. Overall, very interesting and great use of fruit and other additions. All were clean and sound with no fermentation issues. Lovely.



Class 10B: Mead with Spices/Herbs	Class #	Score	Medal
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Class 10B Comments:

Class 10C: Mead with fruits	Class #	Score	Medal
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Class 10C Comments:

Class 10D: Fortified Mead or Mead Liqueur	Class #	Score	Medal
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Class 10D Comments:

Class 11: Alcoholic Kombucha / Hard Tea	Class #	Score	Medal
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Kombucha Bros	NV	Tasman Bay Mix Berry Easy	11	1	90.0	Silver
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Class 11 Comments:

wrong sample wrong notes



Class 12: Evaluation Category (fruit wine & mead)

Class # Score Medal

Class 12 Comments:

Class 13: NZ Origin Cider

			Class #	Score	Medal
The Cider Factorie	2025	Blushing Pomme	13 1	88.0	Bronze
Elemental Cider	2025	Apple Blossom 2025	13 2	92.5	Silver
Hairy Horse Cider	2025	The Unicorn	13 3	79.5	
The Cider Factorie	2025	Aporo' Secco	13 4	95.5	Gold
Elemental Cider	2024	Apple Blossom 2024	13 5	91.5	Silver
Peckham's Cidery and Orchard	2025	Dulcis	13 6	80.5	
Peckham's Cidery and Orchard	2025	Flash	13 7	83.0	
Awa	2025	Premium Apple Cider	13 8	90.5	Silver
The Cider Factorie	2025	Pure Blush	13 9	85.0	Bronze
The Cider Factorie	2025	Wild Blossom	13 10	81.5	

Class 13 Comments:

Lovely floral and orchard aromas,. Delicate and graceful. Elegant. The charmat style was fantastic and really exciting. It had some sweetness which really helped lift the cider. We did have two ciders in the flight that were faulty - is it the same producer? The Queen Bee variety brings real interest, but the cider needs balance with acidity. There is really potential to blend it with the Pure Blush and Pure Blossom making a very complex, interesting, and unique flavour. These cider varieties have great

Class 14: Low/No Alcohol Fruit Wines

			Class #	Score	Medal
Kombucha Bros	NV	Pitahaya [Dragonfruit] & Pineapple	14 1	92.5	Silver
Lothlorien Winery	NV	Zero Alcohol Sparkling Feijoa Fruit Wine	14 2	90.5	Silver

Class 14 Comments:

Very interesting. Exciting to see a fruit wine as low alc. It works really well. The oxidation was disappointing by we really see the potential.

