

Derby Winter Beer Festival 2012 - Cider & Perry Bar

Welcome to the cider and perry bar. All the ciders and perries sold here are 'real' in the sense that they consist of nothing but fermented apple and fermented pear juice respectively. Furthermore they are not served chilled, nor are they artificially carbonated or served under gas pressure, all of which practices are commonplace in the dispense of some commercial brands. You will find that the majority of ciders and perries come from the traditional cider making areas in the West Country where apple and pear varieties are grown specifically for cider / perry making. Where cider is made elsewhere in the country it is usually, but not exclusively made from a mixture of cookers and eaters producing what is known as "Eastern Counties" style cider. We have a few examples of these ciders at the festival. The range of styles and flavours is considerable, and the cider bar staff will be happy to give small tastes and discuss the drinks with you provided the bar is not too busy.

The tub labels should tell most of what you need to know when ordering. Green labels are cider and yellow labels are perry. Most ciders / perries are made from a blend of apple / pear varieties; where a single variety has been used this is on the tub label. All the ciders and perries have been tasted prior to the festival and they have been categorized as Very Dry, Dry, Medium Dry, Medium, Medium Sweet, Sweet or Very Sweet, again this is on the label. You may disagree with us, but at least it gives you a starting point. Some ciders are naturally hazy or even cloudy; they will be labelled as such. Fortunately really thick ciders are a thing of the past. Enough of this waffle, time to start drinking. Wassail!

Ciders

Carey Organic	Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire	7.0%	Med Dry	A clean tasting, crisp, organic cider from a rapidly expanding cider maker.
Charnwood	Charnwood, Leicestershire	6.0%	Med Dry	A small and enthusiastic producer using local apples. New to the festival.
C J s	Raglan, Monmouthshire	6.5%	Medium	A small, highly acclaimed Welsh cider maker. New to the festival.
Double Vision	Maidstone, Kent	7.4%	Med Sweet	A clear, mellow Eastern Counties style cider. Dangerously quaffable.
Gillows Tom Putt	St.Owens Cross, Herefordshire	7.0%	Medium	A single variety cider from a small, craft Herefordshire cider maker.
Green Valley Rum Tiddly Tum	Clyst St. George, Devon	7.0%	Med Dry	A deep brown cider with lots of depth. A hint rather than an excess of rum.
Gwatkins Stoke Red	Abbey Dore, Herefordshire	7.5%	Sweet	A single apple variety, light brown in colour and very sweet.
Gwynt y Ddraig Black Dragon	Pontypridd, Glamorgan	7.2%	Medium	A mid-brown full-flavoured cider from Wales's largest cider maker.

Hecks Browns Apple	Street, Somerset	6.5%	Med Sweet
A single apple variety cider, well rounded and with a lingering aftertaste.			
Mad Hatters	Stockport, Greater Manchester	6.5%	Medium
A recent addition to the cider scene from an area not renowned for cider making.			
Rich	Watchfield, Somerset	6.0%	Sweet
A clear, easy drinking cider from one of Somerset's major producers.			
Scropton	Scropton, Derbyshire	6.2%	Medium
A local cider maker. Made with Bramley apples. Pale.			
Springfield Red Dragon	Llangovan, Gwent	7.0%	Medium
A mid-brown cider from their own apples, made by a small Welsh cider maker.			
Swallowfields	Hope Mansell, Herefordshire	6.5%	Med Sweet
A pale, smooth, readily quaffable cider from a fast-growing cider maker.			
Thatchers Heritage	Sandford, Somerset	4.9%	Medium
Hazy and slightly sparkling, excellent for those preferring something a little weaker.			
Three Cats	Morley, Derbyshire	6.7%	Sweet
Pale, sweet and with a slight sparkle, made with culinary apples.			
Troggi	Earlswood, Monmouthshire	6.0%	Dry
A crisp, clean cider with some bite from a small, craft cider maker.			
Wilkins	Wedmore, Somerset	6.0%	Med Sweet
A traditional, slightly hazy cider. Features a renowned cider den.			
Winkleigh Sams	Winkleigh, Devon	6.0%	Med Sweet
A clear, easy drinking cider from one of Devon's major producers.			
<u>Perries</u>			
Broadoak	Clutton, Somerset	7.5%	Sweet
A smooth, sweet and highly quaffable and ever-popular perry.			
Double Vision Impaired Vision	Maidstone, Kent	7.4%	Med Sweet
A very pale, easy drinking and deceptively strong perry.			
Gwynt y Ddraig Pider	Pontypridd, Glamorgan	5.5%	Med Sweet
A highly unusual drink, apples and pears fermented together.			
Gwynt y Ddraig Two Trees	Pontypridd, Glamorgan	5.0%	Medium
A light, pale, easy drinking perry. Not too strong.			
Newton Court	Leominster, Herefordshire	5.5%	Sweet
A slightly hazy, flavoursome perry. Made from locally grown organic fruit.			

Ross Cider Co. Peterstow, Herefordshire 6.0% Med Dry
A full-flavoured, well balanced perry from one of Herefordshire's leading producers.

Swallowfields Moorcroft Hope Mansell, Herefordshire 5.5% Medium
A delicate single variety perry from a small producer with his own orchards.

Troggi Earlswood, Monmouthshire 6.0% Medium
A golden perry with a satisfying aroma and great depth of flavour.

Westons Much Marcle, Herefordshire 4.5% Med Sweet
A clear, refreshing perry from the largest perry maker in the country.