



# Northwest CIDER CUP

## 2026 WINNERS GUIDE

A COMPLETE GUIDE TO MEDAL WINNING CIDERS & PERRIES FROM THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST



# WELCOME TO THE WINNER'S GUIDE

## A CELEBRATION OF NORTHWEST CIDER

Founded by cidemakers, the Northwest Cider Cup celebrates the best ciders and perries from across the Pacific Northwest. Now in its 13th year, the Cup is organized by the Northwest Cider Association where it stands out as the region's most rigorous cider competition, bringing together passion, craftsmanship, and innovation of commercial makers from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and British Columbia.

## BEHIND THE MEDAL

Every entry is evaluated through a rigorous blind tasting process by a diverse panel of trained judges, more than half of whom are American Cider Association Certified Cider Professionals. Judges assess appearance, aroma, flavor, mouthfeel and overall balance to identify truly exceptional ciders and perries. The resulting medal winners showcase the remarkable diversity of the Pacific Northwest's vibrant cider culture, spanning from classic all-apple ciders and single varietals to wood/oaked and botanically infused, from fruit-forward and low/no ABV to innovative specialty styles.

## SIP YOUR WAY THROUGH THE WINNERS

Use this guide to discover exceptional cider, explore a wide range of styles and taste the best the region has to offer. Plan your trip to visit these medal-winning producers using the [Northwest Cider Association's cider map](#) or shop a curated selection of stand out ciders and perries from online cider retailer, [Press Then Press](#), available for delivery nationwide.



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# LOW-TANNIN CIDERS

DRY



**GOLD**

**15TH ANNIVERSARY**

2 Towns Ciderhouse (OR)

**SILVER**

**DRYABOLICAL**  
Schilling Cider (WA)

**2024 CITY FRUIT**  
Seattle Cider Company (OR)  
*(Credit to Seattle-Based Cidermaking Team)*

**BRONZE**

**COWICHAN DRY**  
Merridale Cidery & Distillery (BC)

**DRY**  
Finnriver Farm & Cidery (WA)



**GOLD**

**ORIGINAL COSMIC CRISP**

2 Towns Ciderhouse (OR)

**SILVER**

**LOCAL LEGEND**  
Schilling Cider (WA)

**BRONZE**

**HONEYCRISP**  
Seattle Cider Company (OR)

SWEET



# HIGH-TANNIN CIDERS

DRY



**GOLD**

**ORCHARD CUVEE NO.1**

RAW Cider Co. (OR)

**SILVER**

**ENDLESS HARVEST**

Bauman's Cider Company (OR)

**KING'S RANSOM**

Alchemy Cider Co. (OR)

**BRONZE**

**EXCELSIOR IMPERIAL HYPER DRY**

Schilling Cider (WA)

**FREQUIN ROUGE**

RAW Cider Co. (OR)



**GOLD**

**BRUT CIDER**

Kristof Farms (OR)

**SILVER**

**SCRUMPY**

Greenwood Cider (WA)

**BRONZE**

**EXCELSIOR IMPERIAL APPLE**

Schilling Cider (WA)

SWEET



# FRUIT

CO-  
FERMENTED



**GOLD**

**APPLE PEAR**

Puget Sound Cider  
Company (WA)

**SILVER**

**PINOT NOIR HARD  
CIDER**

19 Acres Cider Co. (OR)

**BRONZE**

**MADE MARION**

2 Towns Ciderhouse (OR)



**GOLD**

**INVERSION**

Empyrical (WA)

**SILVER**

**CRAN-CUCUMBER**

Endless Orchard Cider  
(WA)

**BRONZE**

**BLACKBERRY**

Puget Sound Cider  
Company (WA)

POST-  
FERMENTATION  
ADDITION DRY

POST-  
FERMENTATION  
ADDITION  
SWEET



**GOLD**

**PEACH**

Offset  
Ciderworks  
(WA)

**SILVER**

**GOLDEN LIME COSMIC CRISP**

2 Towns Ciderhouse (OR)

**GUAVA GET DOWN**

2 Towns Ciderhouse (OR)

**PEAR LYCHEE**

Portland Cider Co. (OR)

**BRONZE**

**EXCELSIOR IMPERIAL  
BLACKBERRY**

Schilling Cider (WA)

**BLUEBERRY CIDER**

Abandoned Orchards (WA)

# SINGLE VARIETAL



**GOLD**

**KINGSTON BLACK**

Finnriver Farm & Cidery (WA)

**SILVER**

**ROXBURY RUSSET**

Rootwood Cider Co. (WA)

**BRONZE**

**KINGSTON BLACK (2025)**

2 Towns Ciderhouse (OR)

**SINGLE VARIETAL**

# RED-FLESHED

**RED-FLESHED CIDERS DRY**



**GOLD**

**ROBERT'S RED**

Union Hill Cider Co. (WA)

**SILVER**

**MOUNTAIN ROSE SV**

Bauman's Cider Company (OR)

**BRONZE**

**IRENE ROSÉ**

Double Mountain Brewery & Cidery (OR)

**SILVER**

**EVE**

Heartland Ciderworks (OR)

**BRONZE**

**NOOTKA ROSÉ**

Alpenfire Cider (WA)

**RED-FLESHED CIDERS SWEET**

# PERRIES



**GOLD**

**PERRY**

RAW Cider Co. (OR)

**SILVER**

**PEAR**

Abandoned Orchards (WA)

**BRONZE**

**RIDGE RESERVE PERRY**

Nashi Orchards (WA)

**LOW-  
TANNIN**

**HIGH-  
TANNIN**



**GOLD**

**ESTATE  
SPARKLING  
PERRY**

RAW Cider Co. (OR)

**SILVER**

**BARREL-AGED  
ESTATE PERRY**

Blossom Barn Cidery  
(OR)

**BRONZE**

**PYRIFORM**  
Empyrical (WA)



# BOTANICAL

## HERBED



### GOLD

#### BASIL MINT

Seattle Cider Company (OR)

### SILVER

**LAUREL, Collaboration**  
with **Grand Fir Brewing**  
Bauman's Cider Company (OR)

### BRONZE

**LAVENDER HONEY**  
Tieton Cider Works (WA)



### GOLD

#### ALORA!

Bauman's Cider Company (OR)

### SILVER

**MO'MORO**  
Merridale Cidery & Distillery (BC)

### BRONZE

**COASTAL HOP**  
Olympic Bluffs Cidery (WA)

## HOPPED

## SPICED



### GOLD

#### GINJA NINJA

2 Towns Ciderhouse (OR)

### SILVER

**GENJI'S GOJI BERRY CIDER**  
Taves Estate Cidery (BC)

### BRONZE

**CRANBERRY + SPICE**  
Offset Ciderworks (WA)

# WOOD / OAKED

WOOD /  
OAKED



**GOLD**

**SCRUMPY**

Merridale Cidery &  
Distillery (BC)

**SILVER**

**THE BAD APPLE**  
2 Towns Ciderhouse  
(OR)

**BRONZE**

**PEAR CO-FERMENT**  
Bauman's Cider  
Company (OR)

# SPECIALTY

LOW  
ALCOHOL  
/ ALCOHOL  
REMOVED



**GOLD**

**THE LITTLE ROSE**

Heartland Ciderworks  
(OR)

**SILVER**

**THE ISLES**  
Madrone Cellars (WA)

**BRONZE**

**NON-ALCOHOLIC  
GUAVA GET DOWN**  
2 Towns Ciderhouse  
(OR)



**GOLD**

**2022 POMMEAU**

2 Towns Ciderhouse  
(OR)

**SILVER**

**POMMEAU**  
19 Acres Cider Co.  
(OR)

**BRONZE**

**POMMEAU**  
Finnriver Farm &  
Cidery (WA)

**FORTIFIED**

# AWARDS

NEW CIDERY  
OF THE YEAR



SMALL CIDERY  
OF THE YEAR



MEDIUM CIDERY  
OF THE YEAR



LARGE CIDERY  
OF THE YEAR



GOOD APPLE  
AWARD

**ASHLEY  
LINDSAY**

Pleasant Valley  
Cider Apples



# BEST OF SHOW

BEST OF  
SHOW



**15TH  
ANNIVERSARY**

2 Towns Ciderhouse  
(OR)



BEST OF  
SHOW  
RUNNER-  
UP



**THE LITTLE ROSE**

Heartland Ciderworks  
(OR)



Recognizing and  
celebrating cider  
excellence is at  
the heart of the  
NW Cider Cup.

