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Double wins for Australia and the USA

We are delighted to announce the World's Best Ciders 2018. The first and second round results were published on 15 August, following the final tasting in London.

Our international and highly respected judging panel has identified the world's best ciders in each of the five categories. All entries were blind tasted and scored throughout three rounds of judging. In the first round Bronze, Silver and Gold medals were awarded. Each Gold medal winner was then judged in the second round to identify the best per category in each country. In the final round, all best per category and country competed for the title of World's Best in their category.

Susanna Forbes, chair of the awards said: "The world of cider is in an exciting place, reaching out both to beer lovers and to the wine community. This is reflected in the quality and styles of our trophy winners, which emanate from three continents. While Melia in the Italian South Tyrol won the most hotly contested trophy, the one for sparkling cider, especial praise goes to Sydney Brewery for scooping two trophies, one for its Manly Perry and the other for its Agave Ginger Cider. With thanks to our outstanding panel of judges, we look forward to building on this year's success next year."

As well as taste quality, design excellence was also judged, chaired by Felicity Murray, founder of TheDrinksReport.com. Samples were judged in five categories. Felicity said: "It always refreshing to see imaginative label designs and this year was no exception. The Judges were particularly impressed by the number of cider brands breaking away from the category norm with creative new ideas that stand out from the crowd."

OVERVIEW

World's Best Flavoured Cider	Sydney Brewery, Agave Ginger Cider
World's Best Non-Sparkling Cider	Angry Orchard, Stone Dry
World's Best Perry	Sydney Brewery, Manly Perry
World's Best Sparkling Cider	Hoila, Cider
World's Best Speciality Cider	Angry Orchard, Iceman
World's Best Design	Friels, Raspberry, Mint & Lime Vintage Cider

For further information on the World Cider Awards 2018, including the country and style winners, Bronze and Silver medalists, as well as images and tasting notes for all the winning ciders go to www.worldciderawards.com.