16. Somerset Redstreak  6.1% ABV medium
Perry’s
THREE STARS FROM GREAT TASTE AWARDS 2016
This is made from specially selected Redstreak apples, grown exclusively in the producer’s own orchards. Before being naturally fermented for up to four months, the slow fermentation allows this cider to retain more of the apple’s delicate flavours. The Redstreak apple produces a wonderfully refreshing, crisp, medium cider, with a full apple taste and lingering finish.

17. Mendip Hills  6.4% ABV medium
Worley’s
This is made from fresh-pressed seasonal cider apples from south Somerset’s finest orchards. The late-season varieties selected for this blend yield a naturally golden cider, with smooth tannins and a spicy, complex finish.

18. Shippys Scrumpy  5.5% ABV dry
Ventons
COLD MEDAL & RESERVE CHAMPION 2016 BRITISH CIDER CHAMPIONSHIPS ROYAL BATH & WEST SHOW DRY FARMHOUSE CIDER CLASS
SECOND PRIZE 2016 DEVON COUNTY SHOW DRY FARMHOUSE CIDER CLASS
This dry, but not too dry, full-juice real cider, is made completely naturally from a blend of Bittersharp and Bittersweet Vintage Devon ‘cyder’ apple varieties. Using traditional methods, it is slowly fermented with wild yeast for complexity, then matured over several months for roundness. With full-bodied soft tannins, refreshingly crisp and fruity, this is as natural as it comes and a true representation of Devon’s oldest ‘cyder-making’ methods.

19. Cidermaker Reserve Cask  6.9% ABV medium sweet
Thistly Cross
A speciality selected blend of cask-matured ciders helps to make this full-bodied and medium-sweet cider, with spirit-like overtones.

20. Pear Mania  7.0% ABV medium
Cockeyed Cider Company
EXCLUSIVE TO THIS JD WETHERSPOON CIDER FESTIVAL 2017
This is a crisp, medium-sweet apple-pear hybrid. By carefully blending a variety of fruits, a smooth and crisp cider has been crafted, with a full fruity aroma – which packs a mad punch.

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Is there any finer way to enjoy the summer than with a glass of refreshing cider? This year, we are proud to bring you a 17-day spectacular (7-23 July, inclusive), with 20 fantastic ciders from 20 of the finest producers across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

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1. First Press Original
   4.0% ABV medium dry
   Tauton Cider Company
   Tauton, Somerset
   This is a blend of Dabinett, Yarlington Mill and Harry Masters Jersey bittersweet cider apples, gently carbonated to produce a clear, crisp, sparkling medium cider with a distinct apple nose and soft astringency on the palate.

2. Devon Blenhi
   4.0% ABV medium sweet
   Ashridge Cider
   Devon
   This is made in south Devon, using apples from old traditional orchards and containing up to 20 varieties of cider apple, combining to create a well-balanced juice. A wild yeast fermentation process is used. Elderflowers, gathered in the height of summer, are used to make cordial which is then added to this lovely floral summer cider.

3. Moonshine Rum & Raisin
   4.0% ABV medium sweet
   BroadOak Cider
   Devon
   This gold-award-winning premium apple cider has been infused with rum and raisin to give a smooth (yet fruity) drink which gives off flavours of the warm and sunny West Indies – a classy cider – and very drinkable.

4. King fu Cider
   4.0% ABV medium
   Sandford Orchards
   Exclusive to this JD Wetherspoon Cider Festival 2017
   This cider is inspired by Chinese Fragrance and essence. Made with ginger, lycium, ginseng and pure tea – this is a unique, light, aromatic cider – with zing.

5. Strawberry Cider
   4.0% ABV sweet
   Barbourne Cider Company
   Cider of the Festival – CAMRA Worcestershire Beer Festival 2016
   This is deliciously fruity and bursting with the flavours of summer. It is light, pink and refreshing – perhaps a little too easy to drink.

6. Toffee Apple Cider
   4.0% ABV sweet
   Mr Whitehead's
   CAMRA Northants Best Cider of Octoberfest 2015
   Cider of the Festival – 2015 Hampshire Octoberfest
   A term favourite at cider festivals around the country, this sweet cider is blended from dessert and cider apple varieties, then gently infused with toffee to give a deep caramel colour and aroma. Just like a toffee-apple, but without the crunch!

7. Knights Malvern Ayld
   5.0% ABV medium
   Aston Manor
   This pale golden full-flavoured cloudy medium-dry cider is crafted from a blend of bittersweet and culinary apple varieties, picked from our Herefordshire orchards, in the shadow of the Malvern Hills.

8. Cornwall Apple cider
   5.0% ABV medium
   Polgoon
   Two Stars from Great Taste Awards 2016
   This apple cider is made on a small farm in Cornwall. The fruit is pressed and fermented to produce a light, crisp refreshing cider. Brilliant golden yellow in colour, with abundant apple notes on the nose, this mellow cider finishes crisp and clean.

9. Stan's Big Apple
   5.0% ABV medium dry
   Thatcher's
   This is crafted from vintage bittersweet apples, including Tremlett's, Dabinett and Somerset Redruth. This traditional cider is full of flavour and big on personality. Medium dry, this still cider bursts with apple flavours and has a depth of character which comes only from generations of experience.

10. Apple Jack Pear
    5.2% ABV sweet
    Original Somerset Cider Company
    Cider of the Festival – CAMRA Worcestershire Beer Festival 2016
    This sweet medium-brewed pear cider is low in tartness and acidity, allowing for a moderate hint of intensity and complexity, produced from a selection of the finest pears of the season.

11. Festival Scrumpy
    5.7% ABV medium sweet
    Tempted Cider
    Voted Best Cider at CAMRA Belfast Beer and Cider Festival NOV 2016
    Blended with some dessert apple cider and Tempted’s own apple juice, this complete, fulfilling cider is created from a blend of the bittersweet apple and French varieties, to impart a slightly rustic, savoury and smoky flavour to this scrumpy. To balance this more intense flavour, the final product is sweetened, so that it finishes as a medium-sweet cider. The result is a cider with real depth of flavour and a long, smooth finish.

12. Temple Moon
    5.8% ABV medium dry
    Aspall
    To dark straw in colour, this is slightly cloudy, with a clean, fruity aroma and woody notes. It is medium to full in body and off dry, with that strong cider flavour.

13. Hale's Real Cider
    6.0% ABV medium
    Halley's
    BBC Food and Farming Award – Best Drinks Producer 2016
    This is a medium full-bodied cider, blended with oak-aged vintage to give a complex, long flavour. The cider apple varieties are vintage Dabinett, Browns and Harry Masters Jersey. By blinding this season’s juice with vintage Dabinett, a deep rounded flavour with a sharp finish is achieved.

14. The Artful Roger
    6.0% ABV dry
    Hunts
    Exclusive to this JD Wetherspoon Cider Festival 2017

15. Yarlington Mill
    6.0% ABV medium sweet
    Gwatkin Cider
    BBC Radio Cornwall Award – Best Cider 2016
    This medium cider is made with apples from its producer’s own orchards, dating back some 200 years. The Yarlington Mill apple is a favourite with traditional cider-makers because of its outstanding taste. It originates from deepest Somerset, yet is found growing throughout the cider-maker’s kingdom. The well-sized apples, red and yellow in colour, are ready to harvest in late November. The juice is slow to ferment – so producing a rich, red, medium cider.