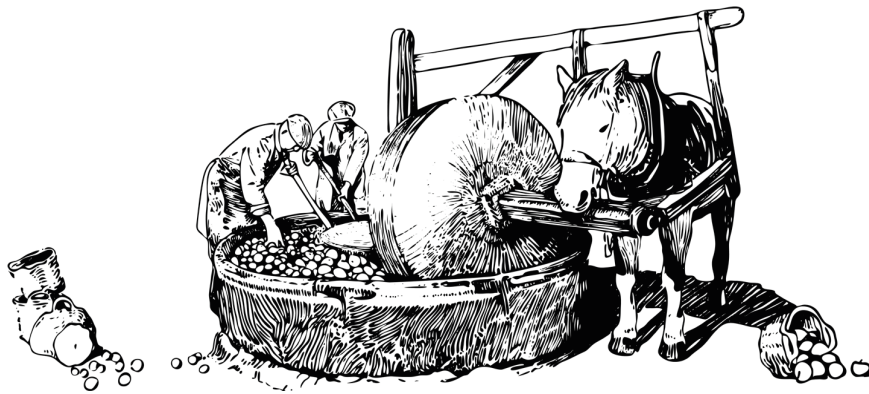


The Marches Cider Case

Mixed Dozen



INTRODUCTION

Tanners' branches straddle the border of England and Wales, with its HQ in Shrewsbury sitting right at the heart of the region known historically as the "The Marches". Traditional market towns such as Hereford, Chepstow, Ludlow and of course Shrewsbury were at the heart of trade and cultural exchange between England and Wales for centuries. And so, it is today!

So, we're delighted to have curated The Marches Cider Dozen. The case is a perfect reflection of the many styles and variations that ciders of this region offer. From the driest to sweetest, there are some delicious, blended ciders and true classic single varietal apple ciders from artisan producers, like Denis Gwatkin in Abby Dore. His Kingston Black for example is dry, intense and complex with notes of sharp apple, tannin and subtle sweetness. A family business, just like Tanners, that's been making cider in a traditional way for many, many years.

If you are new to cider and the varying styles, you should find the additions from Ben Culpin at Apple County, Monmouthshire, very approachable. Focusing on a more medium palate, the bittersweet and bitter sharp flavour profiles of the Browns and Dabinett respectively have widespread appeal that have made them some of the most popular ciders in the area.

Meanwhile just south of Ludlow, in Robinsons orchards, a policy of no sprays, fertilizers or pesticides exists. The approach to cider making is one of minimal intervention, or in their words "closer to the apple". A strong emphasis is placed on quality and they champion the native apple varieties of the Teme Valley & Herefordshire, some of which are no longer grown commercially. Currently in the safe hands of Angus and his father Robert, who's to argue with 200 years of Robinson family ownership, the knowledge passing from father to son for at least six generations.

As the most recent addition to our cider range, Newton Court cidery in Leominster, Herefordshire has a reputation for crafting some of the very best cider. No sign of fancy industrial equipment here, just passionate people, covered in mud and apple peels, surrounded by ancient orchards, embracing traditions, embodying what craft cider is truly all about.

Finally, if it's a quaffing, 'easy drinker' that floats your boat look no further than the lovely Oldfields range, made in conjunction with Hobsons Brewery, in Cleobury Mortimer, south-east Shropshire. Produced with pride and precision, to be drunk on a hot sunny day in the summer, to quench any thirst, or by the fireside, with a cold frost outside, it will enhance that hearty sausage and apple casserole you're having for dinner!

THE CIDERS

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| 1. Gwatkin Kingston Black Cider, 6.0% vol, 50cl | Bin No: XC065 |
| Dry and earthy with an attractive bitterness. Some oak flavours means this would be great served with food. | |
| 2. Gwatkin Yarlington Mill Medium Dry Cider, 6.0% vol, 50cl | Bin No: XC066 |
| A sweeter style but with lovely crisp balancing acidity that keeps it clean and fresh. | |
| 3. Apple County Cider Co Browns Medium Dry, 5.0% vol, 50cl | Bin No: XC320 |
| Made from Browns apples, succulently bittersweet with a citrus tang and a clean finish. | |
| 4. Apple County Cider Co Dabinett Medium, 6.5% vol, 50cl | Bin No: XC238 |
| A medium-bodied, delicate cider with a hint of spice and a long refreshing finish. | |
| 5. Robinsons Fine Dry Vintage Cider, 6.0% vol, 50cl | Bin No: XC056 |
| Off-dry, with mellow tannins, a deep apple flavour and a deliciously long finish. | |
| 6. Robinsons Orchard Reserve Cider, 4.5% vol, 50cl | Bin No: XC285 |
| A medium cider sweetened just with its own natural sugars which provides a rich apple flavour. | |
| 7. Newton Court Gasping Goose Organic Cider, 5.8% vol, 50cl | Bin No: XC356 |
| An easy-drinking, medium-bodied, gently sparkling cider made from a blend of different varieties. | |
| 8. Newton Court Farmhouse Scrumpy Organic Cider, 7.4% vol, 50cl | Bin No: XC358 |
| Strong, dry, complex and elegant, a far cry from scrumpy of old. | |
| 9. Newton Court Little Owl Medium Sweet Cider, 5.8% vol, 50cl | Bin No: XC357 |
| A soft and gentle medium-sweet cider made from eating apples, so low in tannin and high in sweet fruit. | |
| 10. Oldfields Medium Dry Orchard Cider, 4.8% vol, 50cl | Bin No: XC152 |
| Fruity with gentle tannins, this lightly sparkling cider is made from bittersweet cider apples grown in Worcestershire. | |
| 11. Oldfields Original Cider, 4.8% vol, 50cl | Bin No: XC192 |
| Flavoursome and delicately sparkling, with plenty of fresh apple flavour and a clean, crisp finish. | |
| 12. Oldfields Medium Sweet Orchard Cider, 4.8% vol, 50cl | Bin No: XC153 |
| The same blend as their medium-dry but with a little more sweetness, some rounded tannins, and gentle acidity. | |

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