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taste-test Hard ciders you can sink your teeth into.

Apple of Our Eye

The apple might not fall far from the tree, but when it comes to craft ciders, you can expect more than just the flavor of the fruit to shine through. Long popular throughout Europe, hard ciders have been gaining popularity in the U.S., and for good reason. They're made from an assortment of knobby, bittersweet cider apples that would incite a wince if eaten raw, but once pressed and then fermented for several months, the resulting ciders can offer flavors ranging from apple-pie spice to black pepper to tropical fruit, and with finishes that can be staggeringly sweet or mouth-puckeringly dry. Together with Dave White of oldtimecider.com, we found six American-made dry ciders that we'll happily be sipping throughout apple season. And head to imbibemagazine.com/SO11 for more ciders we recommend.

Eve's Cidery Northern Spy

10% ABV, Van Etten, NY
evescidery.com



This single-variety cider from Northern Spy apples grown in New York's Finger Lakes region strikes a delicious balance between fruit, spice and wood. Aromas of dry sherry, cherries and vanilla mingle with flavors of stone fruit, cracked pepper and pear followed by a clean finish of ginger and winter spices.

Farnum Hill Extra Dry

7.5% ABV, Lebanon, NH
povertylaneorchards.com



Steve Wood planted his first cider apple tree in 1981 and has since become the go-to guy when it comes to American craft cider. His extra-dry is exactly that, with dusty cinnamon and oak aromas, mouth-puckering citrus flavors and a hint of saltiness on the finish.

Foggy Ridge Serious Cider

7% ABV, Dugspur, VA
foggyridgecider.com



Don't be intimidated by the name—this dry cider is easy-drinking, light and delicious with playful Prosecco-like bubbles, tropical aromas of pineapple and citrus, and plump, fruity flavors of ripe apples, pears and lemon.

Snowdrift Cider Co. Dry

8.8% ABV, Wenatchee, WA
snowdriftcider.com



Light carbonation and buttery barrel notes make this Washington-apple cider almost Chardonnay-like. Yeasty with soft edges, it offers a nice bitter note mid-palate that's surrounded by flavors of dried apples, raisins and flowers.

Tieton Cider Works Tieton Blend

6.6% ABV, Tieton, WA
tietonciderworks.com



Bright and playful with lots of layers, this crisp cider's tart apple aromas are balanced by citrus and tropical fruit flavors and a dry, earthy, sagebrush-like finish.

Wandering Aengus Dry Oak-Aged Cider

6.8% ABV, Salem, OR
wanderingaengus.com



Rustic and woody, this cider is full of flavors of pumice stone, chalk and pepper with subtle hay and lemon notes on the finish. It's bone-dry and alluringly funky.

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