

# Cider & Perry Production – Building Expertise

*Do you want to develop the detailed understanding, knowledge & skills necessary to produce quality cider and perry for the 21<sup>st</sup> century consumer?  
Then, this is THE class to attend!*

## Introduction

This 'master class', tutored by **Peter Mitchell**, builds on **Cider & Perry Production – A Foundation** and aims to cover, in depth, the following key aspects of cider & perry production:

- Meeting consumer requirements.
- Management of cider & perry production as biotechnology – its microbiology & biochemistry.
- Selection, application & management of production processes & technologies.
- The flavour of cider & perry and sensory evaluation of the products concerned.
- Quality Assurance and Quality Control of cider & perry production.

## Who is the Tutor?

**Peter Mitchell** – a highly qualified and internationally recognised expert in cider and perry making and tasting, leads the class. With over 30 years of practical experience, he is a professional trainer, a UK and USA cider competition judge and an award-winning producer in his own right.

## Who is the class for?

Although mainly aimed at those who have previously attended an introductory cider making programme such as **Cider & Perry Production – A Foundation**, subject to the requirements outlined below, this class is also suitable for other individuals.

## Prerequisites for attendance:

- A basic knowledge and understanding about cider and methods of its production.
- An understanding of the principles of microbiology, chemistry & biochemistry.
- Previous training in and/or experience of basic laboratory techniques (e.g. titrations).

## Class Content

**Production Planning & Control:** Planning for production. Facilities & plant layout. Hygienic design. Understanding the consumer & strategies for product development. Work schedules & operating procedures. Quality Control & practical application of chemical & microbiological laboratory techniques. Record keeping. Performance indicators. Quality Assurance & HACCP. Cost analysis & control.

**Biotechnology of Cider Production:** Microorganisms of cider & perry: *Types & identification, potential problems caused (effects, symptoms, monitoring, control)*. Methods of microbial control: Sanitisation of plant & equipment, effective use of SO<sub>2</sub> & other preservatives; pasteurisation & sterile filtration.

**Fermentation & Maturation:** Yeast selection & management. Yeast nutrition. Fermentation biochemistry. Fermentation management. Malo-lactic fermentation. Management of racking & maturation. Monitoring fermentation & maturation. Troubleshooting.

**Production Processes & Technologies:** Milling & pressing – maximising efficiency. Use of enzymes. Downstream processing: *Blending, fining, filtration, carbonation, final processing*. Packaging. Liquid handling, pumps & pumping, tanks/vessels, pipelines/hoses.

**Sensory Analysis for Cider & Perry Production:** Chemistry & biochemistry of flavour. Descriptive analysis & product profiling (*test conduct, use of flavour wheels & attribute tables, detection of sensory faults*). Hedonic tests & consumer trials.

**Alternative Techniques & Adding Value:** Maceration & Keeving. In-bottle fermentation. Juice & vinegar production.

## Practical Work

A key part of the class programme involves undertaking a **New Product Development (NPD)** project associated with cider production. As well as being used to illustrate the NPD process itself, the project is also designed as a vehicle to explore a number of other aspects of the cider production process including: *Production planning, blending, development of product specifications & recipes, laboratory analysis, cost analysis and the application of hedonic & analytical sensory evaluation techniques*.

## When and where are the classes run?

Classes are currently run on the West and East Coasts of the USA and are scheduled during each year.

Details of current dates and specific locations, along with the contact details for enquires, are published on the Cider & Perry Academy website:

[www.cider-academy.co.uk/USA-CLASSES/usa\\_scheduled\\_classes.shtml](http://www.cider-academy.co.uk/USA-CLASSES/usa_scheduled_classes.shtml)

Class fees include light lunches & refreshments. An additional registration fee is payable for those wishing to enter for certification.

