

From History and Heritage to the Craft Cider Revolution: A Journey Through the World of Cider

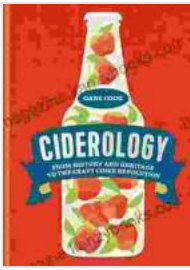
Cider, an alcoholic beverage made from fermented apples, has a rich history that dates back thousands of years. From its humble beginnings in ancient Europe to its current status as a global phenomenon, cider has undergone a remarkable transformation. In this article, we will explore the fascinating evolution of cider, from its historical roots to the recent craft cider revolution.

Chapter 1: The Origins of Cider

The origins of cider can be traced back to the Neolithic period, when humans first began cultivating apples. Cider-like beverages were likely consumed as early as 7000 BC in the Middle East and Europe. In ancient Greece, the physician Hippocrates praised cider for its medicinal properties. By the Middle Ages, cider had become a popular drink in northern Europe, particularly in England and France.

Chapter 2: Traditional Cider Production

Traditional cider production methods have remained largely unchanged for centuries. Apples are harvested in the fall and crushed to extract their juice. The juice is then fermented with yeast, which converts the natural sugars into alcohol and carbon dioxide. The resulting cider is typically fermented in wooden barrels for several months or even years.



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Chapter 3: The Industrial Revolution and the Decline of Cider

The Industrial Revolution brought about significant changes to the cider industry. The invention of mass-produced carbonated beverages, such as beer and soda, led to a decline in cider consumption. Additionally, the use of harsh chemicals in apple farming and cider production resulted in a decrease in the quality of many ciders.

Chapter 4: The Craft Cider Renaissance

In the late 20th century, a revival of interest in traditional cider production began. Small-scale cider makers, known as craft cider makers, emerged and began experimenting with different apple varieties and fermentation techniques. These craft ciders were often unfiltered and unpasteurized, resulting in a more flavorful and complex beverage.

Chapter 5: The Global Craft Cider Movement

The craft cider movement quickly spread beyond its origins in England and the United States. Today, craft cider is produced in countries all over the

world, from Canada to Australia. There are now hundreds of craft cider makers, each with their own unique style and flavor profile.

Chapter 6: The Future of Cider

The future of cider is bright. The growing demand for craft beverages and the increasing awareness of the health benefits of cider are contributing to its resurgence. As more people discover the joys of craft cider, the industry is poised for continued growth and innovation.

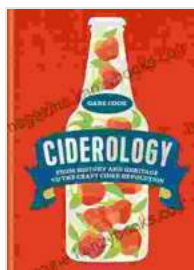
From its humble beginnings as a peasant drink to its current status as a global culinary delight, cider has come a long way. The craft cider revolution has reinvigorated the industry and introduced a new generation of cider lovers to this ancient beverage. As the cider industry continues to evolve, we can expect to see even more exciting and innovative ciders emerge in the years to come.

Additional Information

The Cider Museum in Herefordshire, England

National Cider Week

The Cider Association



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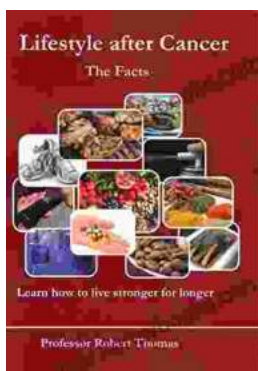
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