

BRAND NAME	Artistraw
PRODUCT NAME	Dark Side of the Shrew
MAKER	Tom Tibbits, Lydia Crimp
BRAND LOCATION	Clifford nr.Hay on Wye, Herefordshire
ORCHARD LOCATION(S) & NAMES	Herefordshire
INFORMATION ABOUT THE ORCHARDS	Mixed traditional standard orchard, with trees of about 60 years old
PRODUCT STYLE	Still, Medium, Cold racked.
MAKERS STYLISTIC INTENTIONS (WHAT WAS YOUR AIM WHEN MAKING THIS PRODUCT?)	See information about varieties.
VARIETIES (AND VOLUMES % OF EACH IF POSSIBLE)	Yarlington Mill, Browns, Harry Masters Jersey, Kingston Black, Lambrook Pippin, Bisquet
INFORMATION ABOUT THESE VARIETIES (WHY USED)	A lovely blend of bittersweets and late bittersharps from one of our favourite orchards (Duffryn). A more select assortment of fruit here than in 'Duffryn-2020', we wanted to create a perfectly balanced cider in terms of it's sweetness, acidity and tannin. We opted to make it still so that the flavours of the individual varieties we laid bare so to speak. What we've ended up with is a lovely rich cider which for us really is representative of the terroir of this special orchard. I am immediately transported back to harvest 2020 when I open a bottle of this- it has all of the sweetness of the sunshine, the minerality of the rain showers, combined with the earthy ripeness of the orchard floor and red apple skin scents of those late October days.
VINTAGE	2020
INFORMATION ON THE GROWING SEASON	A very wet start to the year was followed by a very warm and sunny Spring which brought good pollination, however a Summer heatwave combined with fairly dull conditions over Summer may have stressed the trees as our initial gravity readings on pressing were a fraction lower than usual. The days during harvest itself were quite mixed, with lots of both heavy rain and sunshine.
ORCHARD MANAGEMENT (ORGANIC/BIODYNAMIC/SPRAYED/NATURE FRIENDLY ETC?)	Unsprayed, traditional standard orchard
ABV %	5.70%
BOTTLE VOLUME	75cl
PROCESSING INFORMATION (FERMENTATION AND AGING DETAILS)	Pressed November 20'. Cold racked.
NATURAL OR CULTURED YEASTS (PLEASE GIVE DETAILS IF USED)	Natural
PASTEURISED (Y OR N?)	No
FILTRATION USED (Y OR N ? - PLEASE GIVE DETAILS IF USED)	No
FINING AGENTS USED (Y OR N ? - PLEASE GIVE DETAILS IF USED)	No
SULPHITE ADDITION (Y OR N - PLEASE GIVE DETAILS IF USED)	No
CARBONATION USED (Y OR N - PLEASE GIVE DETAILS IF USED)	No
SUGAR ADDED (Y OR N - PLEASE GIVE DETAILS IF USED)	No
SWEET, MED OR DRY?	Medium
SPARKLING OR STILL?	Still
PAIRING SUGGESTIONS	Light but fragrant and aromatic dishes. Perhaps Thai?
TASTING NOTES	Serve very lightly chilled
ANY OTHER INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE?	