



# A New Taste

Side of Cider offers an authentic brewery experience, while being welcoming to new customers.

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The craft cider industry has grown massively in recent memory, and many cities have grown to see more breweries opening up by the day. One recently opened brewery that has been making an impact in the community is known as "Side of Cider" located in North York, Toronto.

Founded by Dan Philips in the spring of 2021, Side of Cider was created out of a love for the art of brewery and cider overall. When asked about the opening, Dan explained "I wanted to add another local brewery that bridges the gap between cider enthusiasts and the casual person just wanting a fun night out", he also said "I fell in love with Cider on the first sip, so I figured it would be best to share that love and give fellow enthusiasts and casuals the perfect spot to hang out and discuss the intricacies of the drink that we all know and love!".

Upon entry, you are greeted with a cozy scent reminiscent of an old time home, the dimly lit brewery instantly sets off a vibe of a warm dinner table, perfect for a groups or date nights for two. With comfortable booths designed with wood and leather and spacious bar seating, you can tell that they didn't cut any corners while making the design for this restaurant.

Alongside with the scenery, the cider served is simply amazing. With a huge variety of drinks available on tap, you will never feel restricted in the choices you make while you are here. A fan favourite is the "Classic Apple Cider", a safe option, but nonetheless, a reliable one. A staff recommendation is the Pumpkin Cider, but this is definitely one for more seasoned drinkers!

In addition to the beverages the food options are impeccable, there are handhelds with multiple protein options. You can also order full entree's that are on par with all restaurants in the area, just with arguably much better cider. But that's not all, vegetarians and those with dietary restrictions are in luck. With such an extensive and accessible menu, Side of Cider broadens the horizon of customers simply just by being inclusive. We spoke with Dan Philips about his reasoning for this and he had this to say. "When I was younger, most of my friends had dietary restrictions, some even being vegetarian, so it didn't feel right opening up a place where I wouldn't be able to accommodate them."

Side of Cider is in the process of becoming a notable spot in North York. A place with a unique atmosphere, great cider, great food, versatile options, and overall good vibes is bound to succeed. This combined with a caring owner and hardworking staff, you are bound to have a great time at this brewery!

Planning to go to North York anytime soon? Be sure to visit Side of Cider and experience the warming atmosphere and unique and delicious brews for yourself. Whether you're a cider enthusiast or casual drinker, this is the place for you.