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"Barrel-aged ciders appeal particularly to over-55s, making these variants a promising means for companies to maintain engagement among older consumers. As well as tapping into quality associations around longer ageing, these products would also offer a less sweet flavour profile, which is likely to be particularly welcome to older people."

- Alice Baker, Research Analyst

## This report looks at the following areas:

- Barrel-aged ciders can help companies to engage older consumers
- Multiple avenues to explore to boost usage of craft ciders
- A stronger focus on ingredient varieties would boost perry

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