

STEAMPUNK

Steampunk is a sub-genre of science fiction, fantasy, alternate history, and speculative fiction that came into prominence during the 1980s and early 1990s.[1] Steampunk involves a setting where steam power is still widely used—usually Victorian era Britain—that incorporates elements of either science fiction or fantasy. Works of steampunk often feature anachronistic technology or futuristic innovations as Victorians may have envisioned them, based on a Victorian perspective on fashion, culture, architectural style, art, etc. This technology may include such fictional machines as those found in the works of H. G. Wells and Jules Verne. Other examples of steampunk contain alternative history-style presentations of such technology as lighter-than-air airships, analog computers, or such digital mechanical computers as Charles Babbage and Ada Lovelace's Analytical engine. Various modern utilitarian objects have been modded by individual artisans into a pseudo-Victorian mechanical "steampunk" style, and a number of visual and musical artists have been described as steampunk.

-Wikipedia definition

The Steampunk follower is the DIY artist/engineer following his own vision within the Sci-Fi, Victorian, industrial steam engine driven realm.

Steampunk Cider-

Steampunk as it relates to cider, hails from the depths of the industrial revolution. Cider was at this time a popular drink of the blue collar and the farm hand. Farm labor had even gone so far as to pay with alcoholic cider. A drunk worker was a happy one.

There were many cider presses built and run with steam driven technology. At this time they were found largely on the East coast and heavily in the New England territory. Immigrants brought their love of cider from the old world, where cider, called scrumpy, was the beverage of choice in pubs.

With the rise of prohibition, many traditional drinks were forced out of popularity. It is my personal belief that prohibition coupled with a changing apple market (cultivating of more consumer friendly apples) led to ciders ultimate decent. Cider has remained alive on the fringes, in horse barns and basements by home winemakers and enthusiasts and family recipes and cheap drunks. A revival is in effect with an emphasis on the heritage yet a desire to find a place in the mainstream market.

In an attempt to couple the old world and the new, a past beverage with a new age twist, Steampunk cider is the marriage of functional technology, Victorian age science and with a familiar yet futuristic aesthetic.

Cheers!!

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