Claims

1. A system for dispensing a beverage into a container, the system comprising:
at least one dispenser unit, the at least one dispenser unit comprising
a dispenser body; and
a dispenser head, wherein the dispenser head comprises:
at least one fluid port;
a moveable seal member which is configured to form a seal between at least a portion of the container and the dispenser head wherein the at least one dispenser unit comprises at least one support member mounted on the dispenser body configured to align a lip and/or rim of the container with the moveable seal member and support the container at the lip and/or rim of the container.

2. The system as claimed in claim 1 wherein the at least one fluid port
is a beverage outlet and/or a pressure port.

3. The system as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the moveable seal member is configured to be movable between a first condition in which the seal member is spaced from the container and a second condition in the sealing member is in contact with at least a portion of the container to form a sealing barrier.

4. The system as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the sealing member is configured to contact, grip and/or clamp an inner, outer or upper surface of the mouth, lip and/or rim of the container.

5. The system as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the at least one support member is shaped and/or dimensioned to allow an inner, outer and/or upper surface of the mouth, lip and/or rim of the container to rest on the support member when the container is loaded or positioned in the dispenser unit.

6. The system as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the seal member is configured to move in a substantially vertical direction.

7. The system as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the container is a drinking vessel selected from , bottles, mugs, cups, jugs, glasses, beakers, tumblers and/or tankards wherein the material of the drinking vessels is selected from the group

comprising hard or soft plastic, glass, ceramic, cardboard, paper, waxed paper and/or foam.

8. The system as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the beverage is dispensed into the container in less than 5 seconds.

9. The system as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the beverage is an alcoholic or non-alcoholic carbonated and/or fizzy beverage.

10. The system as claimed in any preceding claim comprising at least one pressure port connected to at least one pressure source wherein the at least one pressure source is a gas supply is selected from the group comprising: an inert gas, air, carbon dioxide and/or a mixture of gases.

11. The system as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the seal member is configured to maintain a pressure differential between the interior and exterior of the container during the dispensing of the beverage to prevent oxidation or contamination of the beverage.

12. The system as claimed in any preceding claim comprising a beverage outlet connected to a dip tube and/or a nozzle.

13. The system as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the seal member and/or dispenser head is movable relative to the at least one support member.

14. A method of dispensing a beverage into a container
using a beverage dispenser system comprising
at least one dispenser unit, the at least one dispenser unit comprising
a dispenser body;
a dispenser head, wherein the dispenser head comprises:
at least one fluid port;
a seal member;
wherein the at least one dispenser unit comprises at least one support member mounted on the dispenser body configured to align a lip and/or rim of the container with the moveable seal member and support the container at the lip and/or rim of the container; the method comprising

moving the seal member to contact a lip and/or rim of the container to form a seal between the dispenser head and the container;
pressurising an interior volume of the container with a pressurised fluid and pumping the beverage into the interior volume of the container through the at least one fluid port.

15. The method as claimed in claim 14 comprising forming a differential pressure between an internal and external volume of the container when a seal between the dispenser head and the container is formed.

16. The method as claimed in claim 14 or 15 comprising dispensing the beverage under counterpressure.

17. The method as claimed in any of claims 14 to 16 comprising venting or removing pressurised fluid from the interior volume of the container while the beverage is pumped into the container or after the beverage has been pumped into the container.

18. The method as claimed in any of claims 14 to 17 wherein the seal member is lowered onto at least a portion of the container.

19. The method as claimed in any of claims 14 to 18 wherein the sealing member contacts, grips and/or clamps an inner, outer or upper surface of the mouth, lip and/or rim of the container.

20. The method as claimed in any of claims 14 to 19 comprising holding the container stationary throughout the formation of the seal, pressurising of the container and/or pumping of the beverage.

21. The method as claimed in any of claims 14 to 20 comprising moving the seal member away from the rim, upper edge or inner edge of the container to break the sealing barrier between the dispenser head and the container after the beverage is pumped into the container.

22. The method as claimed in any of claims 14 to 21 comprising dispensing the beverage into the container in less than 5 seconds.

23. The method as claimed in any of claims 14 to 22 comprising supporting the container at the mouth, lip, rim, side and/or base of the container.

24. The method as claimed in any of claims 15 to 23 comprising moving the dispenser head to contact the seal member with a rim, upper edge or inner edge of the container to form a sealing barrier between the dispenser head and the container.

25. A method of dispensing a carbonated or fizzy beverage into a plurality of containers using a beverage dispenser system comprising
plurality of dispenser units, wherein each dispenser unit comprises
at least one support member; and
a dispenser head, wherein the dispenser head comprises:
at least one fluid port; and
a seal member;
wherein the at least one support member is mounted on the dispenser body and is configured to align a lip and/or rim of the container with the moveable seal member and support the container at the lip and/or rim of the container; the method comprising:
mounting a first container on a first dispenser unit;
moving the seal member to contact at least a portion of the first container to form a seal between the dispenser head and the first container;
pressuring an interior volume of the first container with a gas; and
pumping the beverage into the interior volume of the first container through the at least one fluid port.