



Annual Wine Challenge 2013 Results Brief

Commentary

The 2013 Wine Challenge was held at Brightwell Vineyard on Saturday 15th June 2013. 28 wines from 8 vineyards were entered from the Region – slightly lower than last year, but this was quite understandable considering the poor harvest in 2012 suffered by many vineyards. The four judges led by Patricia Stefanowicz MW commented that the quality of the wines overall was very good. The Rose class proved to be popular for a 3rd year running with 6 entries, and therefore justified the award of our newest trophy – the Stefanowicz salver, kindly donated by Patricia Stefanowicz. For the first time, the Best Wine Overall Trophy was awarded to a Rose wine.

Awards:

The following wines are to be congratulated for having won awards:-

Award	For	Winner
Mac Mackinnon Trophy	Best White Wine in any Class	Dropmore Vineyard, Bacchus 2011
Sparkling Wine Trophy	Best Sparkling Wine (any colour)	Pheasant's Ridge, Brut 2010
Emmbrook Cup	Best Red Wine	Stanlake Park, Pinot Noir 2009
T&CVA Decanter	Best Wine Overall	Brightwell Vineyard, Oxford Rose 2011
Stefanowicz salver	Best still rose wine	Brightwell Vineyard, Oxford Rose 2011
Anne Howitt Shield	Best Non-Commercial Wine	Not awarded

Certificates:

Wines were marked out of 20 and were awarded certificates according to the following scoring system:

Highly Commended: 13.0-13.9

Bronze: 14.0-15.4

Silver: 15.5-16.9

Gold: 17.0+

Class	Vineyard name	Entrant name	Wine name	Year	Medal
5	Brightwell	Bob Nielsen	Oxford Rose	2011	silver
6	Brightwell	Bob Nielsen	Sparkling Chardonnay	2008	silver
2	Dropmore Vineyard	John Petersen	Bacchus	2011	silver
1	Frithsden Vineyard	Simon Tooley	Phoenix	2012	silver
6	Pheasant's Ridge	Lin & Michael Gilbey	Brut	2010	silver
6	Stanlake Park	Peter Dart	Stanlake Brut	nv	silver
2	Brightwell	Bob Nielsen	Bacchus	2011	bronze
2	Brightwell	Bob Nielsen	Crispin	2011	bronze
2	Brightwell	Bob Nielsen	Chardonnay (barrel aged)	2011	bronze
3	Brightwell	Bob Nielsen	Huxelrebe	2011	bronze
5	Dropmore Vineyard	John Petersen	Pinot Blush	2011	bronze
1	Frithsden Vineyard	Simon Tooley	Ortega	2012	bronze
1	Pheasant's Ridge	Lin & Michael Gilbey	Bacchus	2012	bronze
2	Pheasant's Ridge	Lin & Michael Gilbey	Bacchus	2011	bronze
2	Stanlake Park	Peter Dart	Bacchus	2011	bronze
2	Stanlake Park	Peter Dart	Fume	2010	bronze
4	Stanlake Park	Peter Dart	Pinot Noir	2009	bronze
4	Stanlake Park	Peter Dart	Ruscombe	2010	bronze
5	Stanlake Park	Peter Dart	Pinot Blush	2011	bronze
4	Brightwell	Bob Nielsen	Pinot Noir	2011	Commended
4	Brightwell	Bob Nielsen	Oxford Regatta	2011	Commended
5	Frithsden Vineyard	Simon Tooley	Rose	2012	Commended
6	Linch Hill Vineyard	Denise & Rob Santilli	Oxford Sparkle	2009	Commended
5	Bothy Vineyard	Sian & Richard Liwicki	Oxford Pink	2011	
1	Linch Hill Vineyard	Denise & Rob Santilli	Oxford Rebel	2012	
5	Linch Hill Vineyard	Denise & Rob Santilli	Oxford Rose	2011	
2	Vernon Lodge	Mike Dean	Vernon Lodge	2011	
2	Vernon Lodge	Mike Dean	Vernon Lodge Reserve	2011	

The 2013 certificates will be posted to you in due course

The judge's tasting notes for each wine will be sent to their respective growers as soon as we have them from the judges.

Thank you to everyone who entered wines in the Challenge; it is a great opportunity to have our wine tasted by experts in the field and to receive constructive feedback that will enable us to continually improve the quality of our wines.

A big thank you to the judges who were:

Patricia Stefanowicz MW

Kathleen Burk - Academic Historian (Oxon) and Wine Consultant and Educator, on the Board of the UK Wine Guild, and a Judge for the IWSC and Decanter World Wine Awards, based in Oxfordshire

Anne Kreibel - Wine Writer and Judge for IWC and Decanter Wine Awards, student on the MW course

Lindsay Oram - Wine and Food Technologist, Wine Marketing, Judge for IWSC and IWC, and a student on the MW course.

An equally big thank you to Sian Liwicki for blinding the wines and taking the scores.

A final BIG thank you to Bob Nielsen for making his facilities at Brightwell Vineyard available to us at no cost and for Carol Nielsen for providing us with a lovely buffet lunch..

We look forward to a wonderful harvest this year and even more entries next year!

Kind regards,

Denise Santilli

Honorary Secretary T&CVA

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