



Annual Wine Challenge 2016 Results Brief

Commentary

The 2016 Wine Challenge was held at Hope & Harrow Vineyard and Winery on Sunday September 4th 2016. 46 wines from 14 vineyards were entered from the Region. The three judges led by Patricia Stefanowicz MW commented that the quality of the wines overall was very good. The numbers of wines entered per class were as follows:

Class 1: Dry White, 2014 – 12 entries; **Class 2:** Dry White, prior to 2013- 9 entries; **Class 3:** White, not dry, any year – 0 entries; **Class 4:** Red, any year – 4 entries; **Class 5:** Rose, any year – 7 entries; **Class 6:** Sparkling, any year, any colour – 14 entries.

Awards:

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

Award	For	Winner
Mac Mackinnon Trophy	Best White Wine in any Class	Brightwell Crispin 2014
Sparkling Wine Trophy	Best Sparkling Wine (any colour)	Chafor Vintage Sparkling Wine 2013
Emmbrook Cup	Best Red Wine	Brightwell Oxford Regatta 2013
T&CVA Decanter	Best Wine Overall	Chafor Vintage Sparkling Wine 2013
Stefanowicz salver	Best still rose wine	Stanlake Park Pinot blush 2014
Anne Howitt Shield	Best Non-Commercial Wine	Not awarded this year

Certificates:

Wines were marked out of 20 and were awarded medal 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+

2016 Medal winners:

Class	Vineyard name	Wine name	Year	Producer name	Award
6	Chafor Wine Estate	Chafor Vintage	2013	Hattingley Valley	Gold
1	Chafor Wine Estate	Chafor Bacchus	2015	Chafor Wine Estate	Gold
2	Brightwell	Crispin	2014	Brightwell	Gold
6	Theale Vineyard	Theale Vineyard	2010		Gold
2	Stanlake Park	Hinton Grove	2013	Stanlake Park	Silver
6	Stanlake Park	Ascot Brut	2008	Stanlake Park	Silver
6	Dinton Folly Wines (Laurence Kimber)	Dinton Folly Wine	2013	Stanlake Park	Silver
6	Harrow & Hope	Brut Reserve	NV	Harrow & Hope	Silver
2	Stanlake Park	Kings Fume	2011	Stanlake Park	Silver
5	Stanlake Park	Pinot blush	2014	Stanlake Park	Silver
2	Brightwell	Chardonnay	2014	Brightwell	Silver
5	Linch Hill Vineyard	Oxford Rose	2015	Three Choirs	Silver
1	Stanlake Park	Hinton Grove	2015	Stanlake Park	Silver
1	Stanlake Park	Bacchus	2015	Stanlake Park	Silver
4	Brightwell	Oxford Regatta	2013	Brightwell	Silver
2	Stanlake Park	Bacchus	2014	Stanlake Park	Bronze
6	Stanlake Park	Heritage Brut	2013	Stanlake Park	Bronze
6	Alder Ridge Vineyard	Blanc de Noirs	2013	Hattingley Valley	Bronze
1	Chafor Wine Estate	Chafor Elegance	2015	Chafor Wine Estate	Bronze
4	Stanlake Park	The Reserve	2014	Stanlake Park	Bronze
1	Stanlake Park	Madeleine	2015	Stanlake Park	Bronze
2	Stanlake Park	Madeleine	2014	Stanlake Park	Bronze
6	Stanlake Park	Rose Superior	2014	Stanlake Park	Bronze
2	Stanlake Park	Regatta	2013	Stanlake Park	Bronze

6	Harrow & Hope	Brut Rose	2013	Harrow & Hope	Bronze
5	Stanlake Park	English rose	2014	Stanlake Park	Bronze
1	Bothy Vineyard	Oxford Dry	2015	Bothy	Bronze
2	Dropmore Vineyard	Bacchus	2014	Dropmore	Bronze
5	Stanlake Park	Pinot blush	2013	Stanlake Park	Bronze
5	Dropmore Vineyard	Pinot blush	2014	Dropmore	Bronze
6	Linch Hill Vineyard	Oxford Sparkle	2014	Three Choirs	Comm
6	Dropmore Vineyard	Sparkling	2013	Dropmore	Comm
6	Hale Valley	Hale Valley Bacchus Sparkling	2013	Stanlake Park	Comm
5	Chafor Wine Estate	Chafor Rose	2015	Chafor Wine Estate	Comm
6	Wyfold	Wyfold English Quality Sparkling	2011	Stages 1&2 Ridgeview, Stage 3 Harrow & Hope	Comm
1	Stanlake Park	Optima	2015	Stanlake Park	Comm
1	Linch Hill Vineyard	Oxford Rebel	2015	Three Choirs	NC
1	Brightwell	Bacchus blanc	2015	Brightwell	NC
4	Bothy Vineyard	Cote Bothy	2014	Bothy	NC
6	Stanlake Park	Stanlake Brut	2009	Stanlake Park	NC
5	Brightwell	Oxford Rose	2014	Brightwell	NC
4	Brightwell	Pinot Noir	2013	Brightwell	NC
1	Brightwell	Bacchus	2015	Brightwell	NC
1	Vernon Lodge	Vernon Lodge	2015	Non commercial (grower produced)	NC
2	Brightwell	Oxford Gold	2014	Brightwell	NC
1	Walnut Cottage Vineyard	Solaris	2015	Non commercial (grower produced)	NC

The 2016 certificates will be posted to you in due course and 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

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

Yannick Joseph – Steward & Sommelier at St John's College, Oxford

An equally big thank you to Kaye Laithwaite for helping me to in blinding the wines, making the facilities at Harrow & Hope Vineyard & Winery available to us at no cost and for providing us with a delicious buffet lunch.

We cross fingers for good ripening weather in the next couple of weeks and even more entries next year!

Kind regards, Denise Santilli, Honorary Secretary T&CVA, Sept 2016