



## Annual Wine Challenge 2017 Results Brief

### Commentary

The 2017 Wine Challenge was held at Stanlake Park Wine estate on Sunday September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017. 44 wines from 15 vineyards were entered from the Region. The five judges led by Patricia Stefanowicz MW commented that the quality of the wines overall was very good, especially the sparkling wines. The numbers of wines entered per class were as follows:

**Class 1:** Dry White, 2016 – 9 entries; **Class 2:** Dry White, prior to 2016- 13 entries; **Class 3:** White, not dry, any year – 0 entries; **Class 4:** Red, any year – 3 entries; **Class 5:** Rose, any year – 5 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	Fawley Vineyard, Still Bacchus 2016
Sparkling Wine Trophy	Best Sparkling Wine (any colour)	Daws Hill Vineyard, Sparkling White 2010
Emmbrook Cup	Best Red Wine	Stanlake Park, Reserve Red 2014
T&CVA Decanter	Best Wine Overall	Daws Hill Vineyard, Sparkling White 2010
Stefanowicz salver	Best still rose wine	Linch Hill Vineyard, Oxford Rose 2016
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+

## 2017 Medal winners were:

Class	Vineyard name	Entrant name	Wine name	Year	Producer name	Award	Trophy
6	Stanlake Park Wine Estate	Vince Gower	Heritage Brut	2013	Stanlake Park	Gold	
5	<b>Linch Hill Vineyard</b>	<b>Denise Santilli</b>	<b>Oxford Rose</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>Three Choirs Vineyard</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>The Stefanowicz Salver</b>
6	Wyfold Vineyard	Barbara Laithwaite	Wyfold Vintage Brut Rose	2014	Harrow & Hope Vineyard	Gold	
6	<b>Daws Hill Vineyard</b>	<b>Holly Morgan</b>	<b>Daws Hill Sparkling White</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>Daws Hill Vineyard</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>The Sparkling Wine Trophy &amp; The T&amp;CVA Trophy</b>
6	Chafor Wine Estate	Tim Chafor	Vintage Rose	2014	Hattingley Valley	Silver	
6	Daws Hill Vineyard	Holly Morgan	Daws Hill Sparkling White	2011	Daws Hill Vineyard	silver	
6	Stanlake Park Wine Estate	Vince Gower	Ascot Brut	2008	Stanlake Park	Silver	
6	Chafor Wine Estate	Tim Chafor	Vintage Cuvee	2014	Hattingley Valley	silver	
2	Stanlake Park Wine Estate	Vince Gower	Bacchus	2015	Stanlake Park	Silver	
6	Linch Hill Vineyard	Denise Santilli	Oxford Sparkle	2015	Three Choirs Vineyard	Silver	
1	<b>Fawley Vineyard</b>	<b>Nick &amp; Wendy Sargent</b>	<b>Fawley Still Bacchus</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>Stanlake Park</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Mac Mackinnon Trophy</b>
2	Stanlake Park Wine Estate	Vince Gower	Madeleine	2015	Stanlake Park	Silver	
2	Stanlake Park Wine Estate	Vince Gower	Fume	2015	Stanlake Park	Silver	
2	Dropmore Vineyard	Feona Petersen	Bacchus	2015	Stanlake Park	Silver	
6	Bothy Vineyard	Sian Liwicki	Halcyon days	2015	Bothy & Wiston	Silver	
4	<b>Stanlake Park Wine Estate</b>	<b>Vince Gower</b>	<b>Reserve Red</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Stanlake Park</b>	<b>Bronze</b>	<b>The Emmbrook Trophy</b>
4	Brightwell Vineyard	Bob Nielsen	Oxford Regatta	2014	Brightwell Vineyard	Bronze	
6	Harrow & Hope Vineyard	Kaye Laithwaite	H&H Brut Reserve	NV	H&H Vineyard & Winery	Bronze	
1	Stanlake Park Wine Estate	Vince Gower	Madeleine	2016	Stanlake Park	Bronze	
2	Fawley Vineyard	Nick & Wendy Sargent	Fawley Still Bacchus	2014	Stanlake Park	Bronze	
2	Chafor Wine Estate	Tim Chafor	Elegance	2015	Chafor	Bronze	
6	Dinton Folly	Lawrence Kimber	Dinton Sparkling	2014	Stanlake Park	Bronze	
6	Hale Valley Vineyard	Patrick Hurd	Bacchus & Findling	2014	Stanlake Park	Bronze	
1	Vernon Lodge	Mike Dean	VL Siegerebbe	2016	Vernon Lodge	Bronze	
5	Stanlake Park Wine Estate	Vince Gower	Pinot Blush	2015	Stanlake Park	Bronze	
2	Brightwell Vineyard	Bob Nielsen	Bacchus	2015	Brightwell Vineyard	Bronze	
2	Bothy Vineyard	Sian Liwicki	Oxford Dry	2015	Bothy	Bronze	
2	Brightwell Vineyard	Bob Nielsen	Chardonnay	2014	Brightwell Vineyard	Bronze	
6	Stanlake Park Wine Estate	Vince Gower	Stanlake Park Brut	2014	Stanlake Park	Bronze	
2	Hale Valley Vineyard	Patrick Hurd	Bacchus & Findling	2015	Stanlake Park	Bronze	
6	Fawley Vineyard	Nick & Wendy Sargent	Fawley Sparkling Bacchus	2013	Stanlake Park	Bronze	
1	Vernon Lodge	Mike Dean	VL Madeleine	2016	Vernon Lodge	Bronze	
5	Brightwell Vineyard	Bob Nielsen	Oxford Rose	2016	Brightwell Vineyard	Bronze	
1	Linch Hill Vineyard	Denise Santilli	Oxford Rebel	2016	Three Choirs Vineyard	Bronze	
1	Dropmore Vineyard	Feona Petersen	Bacchus	2016	Stanlake Park	Bronze	
1	Oaken Grove Vineyard	Phil Rossi	Bacchus reserve	2016	Stanlake Park	Commended	
4	Brightwell Vineyard	Bob Nielsen	Pinot Noir	2013	Brightwell Vineyard	Commended	
5	Chafor Wine Estate	Tim Chafor	Rose	2016	Chafor	Commended	
2	Great Milton Dreaming Squires	Andrew Dixon	Dreaming Squires Red Kite	2015	Great Milton Vineyard	Commended	

If anyone requires medal stickers (gold, silver, bronze) to put on their wines, these are available from me at a cost of £4 per 100 stickers or if you go to the Members page of the T&CVA website (<http://www.thameschilternsvineyards.org.uk/members.htm>) you can download a high resolution image of the stickers and the trophies for use on your social media platforms.

The 2017 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. Five of the wines entered (not listed above) were deemed to be faulty by the judges and the reasons for the fault will be detailed in the judges' comments to the respective grower.

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.

This year we decided to expand the judging panel to mitigate any outlying scores from any one particular judge and therefore give a more representative score for that wine.

**A big thank you**, therefore, to the judges who were:

**Patricia Stefanowicz** – MW and regular judge at National and International Wine Competitions

**Lindsay Oram** - Food and Wine Technologist, Wine Educator, WSET Tutor, Association of Wine Educators and Circle of Wine Writers

**Yannick Joseph** – Sommelier and Head Butler at St John's College, Oxford

**Margaret McNie MW** – UK Wine Guild, former Chairman of UKVA National Wine Competition, Lecturer, Wine Educator, Author

**Mark Stefanowicz** – MW and regular judge at International Wine Competitions

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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 2017***