

**T&CVA 2011 Annual Wine Challenge: Results:**

The 2011 Wine Challenge was held at Stanlake Park Wine Estate on Sunday 24th July 2011. 36 wines were entered from the Region. The following Trophies were awarded:

<b>Trophy</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Winner</b>
Mac Mackinnon Trophy	Best White Wine in any Class	Pheasant's Ridge Vineyard: Bacchus Dry 2009
Sparkling Wine Trophy	Best Sparkling Wine	Stanlake Park: Stanlake Brut NV
Emmbrook Cup	Best Red Wine	Brightwell Vineyard: Oxford Regatta 2007
T&CVA Decanter	Best Wine Overall	Stanlake Park: Stanlake Brut NV



Stanlake Park – best Sparkling



Brightwell – Embrook cup



Pheasant's Ridge – MacKinnon Trophy



Stanlake Park – T&CVA Decanter

## English & Welsh Wine of the Year Awards 2011

T&CVA members have done particularly well in the English & Welsh Wine of the Year Awards? held in Bury St Edmunds on June 13th & 14th 2011.

All Award winners are to be congratulated, but especially:

**Colin Baker** for his Gold Medal and Bernard Theobald Trophy for the most outstanding red wine:

Titchfield Pinot Noir 2009

**Phil Rossi** for his Gold Medal and Berwick Trophy for the most outstanding large production unchaptalised still wine:

Oaken Grove Vineyard Benham Blush 2010

### **Silver Medals were won by:**

Bothy Vineyard Oxford Dry 2010

Bothy Vineyard Oxford Pink 2010

Bothy Vineyard Renaissance 2010

Bothy Vineyard The Doctor's Bacchus 2010

Dropmore Vineyard Bacchus 2010

Hendred Vineyard Furlong 2010

Hendred Vineyard Hendred Brut 2008

Pheasants Ridge Vineyard Bacchus Dry 2010

Pheasants Ridge Vineyard Brut NV

Stanlake Park Wine Estate Bacchus 2010

Stanlake Park Wine Estate English Rose 2009

Stanlake Park Wine Estate Madeleine 2010

Stanlake Park Wine Estate Pinot Blush 2010

### **And Bronze Medals by:**

Daws Hill Vineyard Brut 2008

Daws Hill Vineyard Brut Rosé 2009

Hendred Vineyard Rockpit Rosé 2010

Oaken Grove Vineyard Benham Blush 2009

Stanlake Park Wine Estate Fume 2009

Stanlake Park Wine Estate Heritage Brut NV

Stanlake Park Wine Estate Pinot Noir 2009

Stanlake Park Wine Estate Rosé Superior NV

Stanlake Park Wine Estate Stanlake Brut 2006

Titchfield Vineyard Bacchus 2009

## ENGLISH WINE FESTIVAL: July 23rd & 24th 2011: Stanlake Park, Twyford, RG10 0BN

Around 600 wine lovers flocked to Stanlake Park Vineyard near Twyford this weekend to seize the opportunity of tasting 20 different Award-winning English wines from 8 individual wine producers in the Thames & Chilterns Region. This is the first time that an English Wine Festival has been held in this area and judging by the positive comments and enthusiasm shown by attendees, this could become an annual event. Owner of Stanlake Park Vineyard and Vice President of the Thames & Chilterns Vineyards Association, Peter Dart, who opened his wonderful facilities to the public for this event said "We are delighted with the number of people who came to taste our wonderful English wines this weekend. It was a pleasure to offer our award-winning wines to people with a genuine interest in local wines and who appreciated the different styles and tastes on offer." Expert wine talks, winery tours and lessons on how to professionally taste wine were provided by International Wine Competition Judge and Master of Wine, Patricia Stefanowicz. These sessions were extremely popular with the public and everyone who attended came away saying they had learned a lot about how professionals taste wine and how vineyards and wineries work. Patricia also chaired the panel, including two other experienced Competition Judges Anne Krehheil, a wine writer, and Lindsay Oram, a wine educator, both of whom are studying for the Master of Wine qualification, for the Thames & Chiltern Vineyards Association 2011 Annual Wine Challenge during the morning of 24th July. Of the 36 wines entered, 3 Gold, 12 Silver and 16 bronze medals were awarded which further confirms the quality of the wines in the Thames & Chilterns Region. The results confirm the successes which Thames and Chilterns enjoyed this year at the English and Welsh Wine of the Year National Competition and at International Competitions. The Thames & Chilterns Vineyards Association Decanter for the best wine overall and the Sparkling Wine Trophy for the best sparkling wine were awarded to Stanlake Brut NV, a blend of 80% Pinot Noir and 20% Chardonnay. A top gold medal winner with attractive white peach and green apple fruit and floral and fresh yeast overtones, crisp acidity, persistent bubbles and creamy texture in the mouth, very long aftertaste. The Mac Mackinnon Trophy for the best white wine was awarded to Pheasants Ridge Bacchus 2009, a dry wine showing fresh apple and pear, a hint of nettle aroma, fresh acidity and nice long aftertaste. Excellent. The Emmbrook Trophy for the best red wine was won by Brightwell Vineyard Oxford Regatta 2007, made from Dornfelder grapes, an aromatic wine with juicy, rich cherry and bramble fruit, good freshness, supple tannins and nicely balanced vanilla overlay. Exceptional. Although there is not a specific trophy for rose wines, a special mention must go to Oaken Grove Benham Blush 2010, which earned a Silver medal and has already won an English and Welsh Wine of the Year trophy for the best unchaptalised wine. Patricia Stefanowicz commented "The overall quality of wines was excellent. We were particularly impressed by the quality of the sparkling wines entered into this year's competition which shows how the terrain and climate here in the Thames & Chilterns region is ideally suited to this style of wine. The quality of English wines has improved immensely over the last 10 years and the wines from this region are certainly amongst the best I have tasted in this country". Fellow judge Oram commented that the red wines were particularly impressive, too. Local vineyards who participated in this event were: Stanlake Park Vineyard, Twyford Parhams Vineyard, Shaftesbury Brightwell Vineyard, Wallingford Pheasant's Ridge Vineyard, Hambledon Bothy Vineyard, Frilford Heath Beaulieu Vineyard, Southampton OakenGrove Vineyard, Marlow Manor Fields Vineyard, nr Aylesbury





Vince Gower: Winemaker, Stanlake Park