



Annual Wine Challenge 2014 Results Brief

Commentary

The 2014 Wine Challenge was held at Marlow Winery on Sunday September 14th 2014. 44 wines from 13 vineyards were entered from the Region – our best ever turnout both in numbers of wines and vineyards – this reflects that some of the newly planted vineyards in the region started producing for the first time this year. The four 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, 2013 – 17 entries; **Class 2:** Dry White, prior to 2013- 8 entries; **Class 3:** White, not dry, any year – 2 entries; **Class 4:** Red, any year – 4 entries; **Class 5:** Rose, any year – 7 entries; **Class 6:** Sparkling, any year, any colour – 6 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	Stanlake Park Fume, 2011
Sparkling Wine Trophy	Best Sparkling Wine (any colour)	Wyfold Vineyard, 2010
Emmbrook Cup	Best Red Wine	Brightwell Vineyard, Regatta 2011
T&CVA Decanter	Best Wine Overall	Wyfold Vineyard, 2010
Stefanowicz salver	Best still rose wine	Linch Hill Vineyard, Oxford Rose 2013
Anne Howitt Shield	Best Non-Commercial Wine	Vernon Lodge, 2012

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+

2014 Medal winners:

Class	Vineyard name	Entrant name	Wine name	Year	Producer name	Medal
6	Wyfold Vineyard	Barbara Laithwaite	Wyfold	2010	Ridgeview	Gold
5	Linch Hill Vineyard	Denise & Rob Santilli	Oxford Rose	2013	Three Choirs	Silver
2	Stanlake Park	Vince Gower / Daniel Goss-Custard	Fume	2011	Stanlake Park	Silver
2	Brightwell	Bob Nielsen	Barrel Aged Chardonnay	2011	Brightwell	Silver
1	Brightwell	Bob Nielsen	Bacchus	2013	Brightwell	Silver
6	Brightwell	Bob Nielsen	Sparkling Chardonnay	2008	Stanlake Park	Silver
1	Oaken Grove Vineyard	Phill Rossi	Orchard White	2013	Stanlake Park	Silver
1	The Chafor Wine Estate	Tim Chafor	Bacchus	2013	Ulrich Hoffmann, Vivid Wines	Silver
2	Stanlake Park	Vince Gower / Daniel Goss-Custard	Fume	2010	Stanlake Park	Silver
4	Brightwell	Bob Nielsen	Regatta	2011	Brightwell	Silver
5	Dropmore Vineyard	John Petersen	Pinot Blush	2013	Stanlake	Silver
6	Stanlake Park	Vince Gower / Daniel Goss-Custard	Stanlake	2006	Stanlake Park	Silver
1	Stanlake Park	Vince Gower / Daniel Goss-Custard	Optima	2013	Stanlake Park	Silver
1	Bothy Vineyard	Sian & Richard Liwicki	Oxford Dry	2013	Bothy Vineyard	Bronze
6	Pheasant's Ridge	Michael & Lin Gilbey	Brut Quality English Sparkling	2011	Stanlake Park	Bronze
2	Brightwell	Bob Nielsen	Crispin	2011	Brightwell	Bronze
2	Vernon Lodge	Mike Dean	Vernon Lodge	2012	Vernon lodge (non-commercial)	Bronze
1	Parhams Vineyard	Roy & Lavinia Phillips	Melbury Gold	2013	Bigborough Vineyard	Bronze
2	Stanlake Park	Vince Gower / Daniel Goss-Custard	Regatta	2010	Stanlake Park	Bronze
5	Stanlake Park	Vince Gower / Daniel Goss-Custard	Pinot Blush	2013	Stanlake Park	Bronze
1	Dropmore Vineyard	John Petersen	Dropmore Bacchus	2013	Stanlake Park	Bronze
4	Stanlake Park	Vince Gower / Daniel Goss-Custard	The Reserve	2010	Stanlake Park	Bronze
1	Pheasant's Ridge	Michael & Lin Gilbey	Bacchus Dry	2013	Stanlake Park	Bronze
5	Brightwell	Bob Nielsen	Oxford Rose	2013	Brightwell	Bronze
1	Stanlake Park	Vince Gower / Daniel Goss-Custard	Hinton Grove	2013	Stanlake Park	Bronze
1	Linch Hill Vineyard	Denise & Rob Santilli	Oxford Rebel	2013	Three Choirs	Bronze
5	Oaken Grove Vineyard	Phill Rossi	Benham Blush	2013	Stanlake Park	Bronze
3	Bothy Vineyard	Sian & Richard Liwicki	Renaissance	2013	Bothy Vineyard	Bronze
4	Stanlake Park	Vince Gower / Daniel Goss-Custard	Pinot Noir	2009	Stanlake Park	Bronze

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1	Dropmore Vineyard	John Petersen	Dropmore Ortega	2013	Stanlake Park	Comm
2	Stanlake Park	Vince Gower / Daniel Goss-Custard	Bacchus	2011	Stanlake Park	Comm
1	Bothy Vineyard	Sian & Richard Liwicki	The Doctors Bacchus	2013	Bothy Vineyard	Comm
5	The Chafor Wine Estate	Tim Chafor	Rose	2013	Ulrich Hoffmann, Vivid Wines	Comm
1	Oaken Grove Vineyard	Phill Rossi	White Pinot noir	2013	Stanlake Park	Comm
2	Stanlake Park	Vince Gower / Daniel Goss-Custard	Madeleine	2011	Stanlake Park	Comm
5	Bothy Vineyard	Sian & Richard Liwicki	Oxford Pink	2013	Bothy Vineyard	Comm
3	Brightwell	Bob Nielsen	Oxford Gold	2011	Brightwell	Comm
4	Brightwell	Bob Nielsen	Pinot Noir	2012	Brightwell	Comm
1	Brightwell	Bob Nielsen	Oxford Flint	2013	Brightwell	Comm
6	Oaken Grove Vineyard	Phill Rossi	Sparkling Pinot Noir	2011	Stanlake Park	
1	Hale Valley	Antony Chapman	Hale Valley Dry White	2013	Stanlake Park	
6	Stanlake Park	Vince Gower / Daniel Goss-Custard	Ascot	2008	Stanlake Park	
1	The Chafor Wine Estate	Tim Chafor	Chardonnay	2013	Ulrich Hoffmann, Vivid Wines	
1	Ragged Hall	Peter Cridland	Ragged Hall Madeleine Angevine	2013	Ragged Hall (non-commercial)	

The 2014 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

Elizabeth Gabay MW – Wine writer & historian, consultant, speaker based in St Martin Vesubie, France

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

Yannick Joseph – Head Butler & Sommelier at Balliol College Oxford

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

A final BIG thank you to Kaye & Henry Laithwaite for making their facilities at Marlow Winery available to us at no cost and 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, Sept 2014