



## Annual Wine Challenge 2015 Results Brief

### Commentary

The 2015 Wine Challenge was held at The Chafor Wine Estate, Gawcott, Bucks on Sunday September 13<sup>th</sup> 2015. 36 wines from 10 vineyards were entered from the Region. 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, 2014 – 13 entries; **Class 2:** Dry White, prior to 2013- 9 entries; **Class 3:** White, not dry, any year – 0 entries; **Class 4:** Red, any year – 2 entries; **Class 5:** Rose, any year – 7 entries; **Class 6:** Sparkling, any year, any colour – 5 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	The Chafor Wine Estate Bacchus 2014
Sparkling Wine Trophy	Best Sparkling Wine (any colour)	Brightwell Sparkling Chardonnay 2009
Emmbrook Cup	Best Red Wine	Brightwell Pinot Noir 2012
T&CVA Decanter	Best Wine Overall	Brightwell Sparkling Chardonnay 2009
Stefanowicz salver	Best still rose wine	Dropmore Vineyard Pinot Blush 2013
Anne Howitt Shield	Best Non-Commercial Wine	Vernon Lodge Madeleine Angevine / Sylvaner 2014

### 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+

## 2015 Medal winners:

Class	Vineyard name	Wine name	Year	Producer name	Award
6	Brightwell	Sparkling Chardonnay	2009	Brightwell	<b>Gold</b>
6	Wyfold Vineyard	Wyfold	2010	Ridgeview	Gold
1	The Chafor Wine Estate	Bacchus	2014	Vivid Wines	<b>Silver</b>
1	Oaken Grove Vineyard	Orchard White	2014	Stanlake Park	Silver
4	Brightwell	Pinot Noir	2012	Brightwell	<b>Silver</b>
2	The Chafor Wine Estate	Chardonnay Reserve	2013	Vivid Wines	Silver
1	Oaken Grove Vineyard	Bacchus Reserve	2014	Stanlake Park	Silver
1	Dropmore Vineyard	Dropmore Ortega	2014	Stanlake Park	Silver
1	Bothy Vineyard	Renaissance	2014	Bothy Vineyard	Silver
1	Vernon Lodge	Vernon Lodge Madeleine Angevine / Sylvaner	2014	Vernon Lodge NC	<b>Silver</b>
5	Dropmore Vineyard	Pinot Blush	2013	Stanlake Park	<b>Silver</b>
6	Theale Vineyard	Theale Vineyard Chardonnay	2010	Ridgeview	Silver
2	Dropmore Vineyard	Dropmore Bacchus	2013	Stanlake Park	Bronze
5	Oaken Grove Vineyard	Benham Blush	2014	Stanlake Park	Bronze
6	Linch Hill Vineyard	Oxford Sparkle	2013	Three Choirs	Bronze
1	Bothy Vineyard	Oxford Dry	2014	Bothy Vineyard	Bronze
6	Bothy Vineyard	Halcyon Days	2012	Bothy Vineyard	Bronze
2	Oaken Grove Vineyard	Orchard White	2013	Stanlake Park	Bronze
5	The Chafor Wine Estate	Rose	2014	Vivid Wines	Bronze
1	Brightwell	Bacchus	2014	Brightwell	Bronze
5	Dropmore Vineyard	Pinot Blush	2014	Stanlake Park	Bronze
2	Oaken Grove Vineyard	White Pinot noir	2013	Stanlake Park	Bronze
1	Brightwell	Crispin	2014	Brightwell	Bronze
1	Dropmore Vineyard	Dropmore Bacchus	2014	Stanlake Park	Bronze

1	Ragged Hall	Madeleine Angevine	2014	Ragged Hall NC	Comm
4	Linch Hill Vineyard	Welsh Dragon Blood	2014	Linch Hill Vineyard NC	Comm
2	Vernon Lodge	Vernon Lodge Siegrebbe	2013	Vernon Lodge NC	Comm
2	Dropmore Vineyard	Dropmore Ortega	2013	Stanlake Park	Comm
5	Bothy Vineyard	Oxford Pink	2013	Bothy Vineyard	Comm
2	Bothy Vineyard	Renaissance	2013	Bothy Vineyard	Comm
5	Linch Hill Vineyard	Oxford Rose	2014	Three Choirs	Comm
2	Bothy Vineyard	Oxford Dry	2013	Bothy Vineyard	Comm
2	Bothy Vineyard	The Doctors Bacchus	2013	Bothy Vineyard	Comm
1	Linch Hill Vineyard	Oxford Rebel	2014	Three Choirs	
1	Brightwell	Chardonnay	2014	Brightwell	
5	Vernon Lodge	Vernon Lodge Rose	2013	Vernon Lodge NC	

The 2015 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 Kelly** – wine buyer for Marks & Spencers

**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 Tim & Stephanie Chafor for making their facilities at The Chafor Wine Estate available to us at no cost and for providing us with a lovely 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 2015**