

## Annual Wine Challenge 2019 Results Brief

### Commentary

The 2019 Wine Challenge was held at Oaken Grove Vineyard, Fawley on Saturday September 7<sup>th</sup> 2019. 53 wines from 17 vineyards were entered from the Region – the highest number of wines and vineyards participating to date. The four judges led by Patricia Stefanowicz MW commented that the quality of the wines this year was exceptionally good, especially the 2018 vintage. The numbers of wines entered per class were as follows:

**Class 1:** Dry White, 2018 – 18 entries; **Class 2:** Dry White, prior to 2018 - 9 entries; **Class 3:** White, not dry, any year – 1 entry; **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 Vineyard, Bacchus, 2018
Sparkling Wine Trophy	Best Sparkling Wine (any colour)	Daws Hill Vineyard, Sparkling White 2013
Emmbrook Cup	Best Red Wine	Brightwell Vineyard, Regatta, 2015
T&CVA Decanter	Best Wine Overall	Daws Hill Vineyard, Sparkling White 2013
Stefanowicz salver	Best Still Rose wine	Hendred Vineyard, Rose 2018
Anne Howitt Shield	Best Non-Commercial Wine	Dreaming Squires, Red Kite 2018

### 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+

**2019 Medal winners were:**

Class	Vineyard name	Entrant name	Wine name	Year	Award	Trophy
1	Bothy Vineyard	Sian & Richard Liwicki	Doctors Bacchus	2018	Gold	
1	Brightwell Vineyard	Bob Nielsen	Bacchus	2018	Gold	Mac McKinnon Trophy
6	Chafor Wine Estate	Tim Chafor	Vintage Cuvee	2015	Gold	
6	Daws Hill Vineyard	Holly Morgan	Sparkling White	2013	Gold	Sparkling Trophy & T&CVA Decanter
1	Fawley Vineyard	Nick & Wendy Sargent	Fawley Bacchus	2018	Gold	
1	Linch Hill Vineyard	Denise Santilli	Oxford Rebel	2018	Gold	
6R	Oaken Grove	Phil Rossi	Sparkling Rose	NV	Gold	
6	Windsor Great Park Vineyard	Anne Linder	Windsor Great Park	2015	Silver	
2	Dropmore Vineyard	Feona Mc Kewan	Bacchus	2016	Silver	
6	Wyfold Vineyard	Barbara Laithwaite	Wyfold Vineyard Brut 2014	2014	Silver	
1	Dreaming Squires	Evelyn Joslin	Red Kite	2018	Silver	Anne Howitt Salver
4	Brightwell Vineyard	Bob Nielsen	Oxford Regatta	2015	Silver	Emmbrook Trophy
1	Dreaming Squires	Evelyn Joslin	Huxelrebe	2018	Silver	
1	Chafor Wine Estate	Tim Chafor	Elegance	2018	Silver	
5	Hendred Vineyard	David & Eileen Bell	Hendred Rose	2018	Silver	Stefanowicz salver
5	Linch Hill Vineyard	Denise Santilli	Oxford Rose	2018	Silver	
1	Oaken Grove	Phil Rossi	Bacchus	2018	Silver	
1	Dreaming Squires	Evelyn Joslin	Skylark	2018	Silver	
6	Winding Wood	Chris Cooke & Robert Louth	Sparkling Cuvee	2015	Silver	
6	Daws Hill Vineyard	Holly Morgan	Sparkling White	2011	Silver	
6R	Daws Hill Vineyard	Holly Morgan	Sparkling Rose	2013	Silver	
6	Harrow & hope	Kaye Laithwaite	Brut Reserve	NV	Silver	
2	Oaken Grove	Phil Rossi	Bacchus	2016	Silver	

1	Vernon Lodge	Mike Dean	Siegerrebe	2018	Silver	
2	Bothy Vineyard	Sian & Richard Liwicki	Renaissance	2017	Bronze	
1	Dreaming Squires	Evelyn Joslin	Bacchus	2018	Bronze	
2	Chafor Wine Estate	Tim Chafor	Elegance	2017	Bronze	
6	Dinton Wines Ltd	Lawrence Kimber	Dinton Folly	2015	Bronze	
2	Fawley Vineyard	Nick & Wendy Sargent	Fawley Bacchus	2016	Bronze	
6	Linch Hill Vineyard	Denise Santilli	Oxford Sparkle	2017	Bronze	
5	Stanlake Park Wine Estate	Natalia Pezzone	Pinot Noir Rose	2018	Bronze	
1	Bothy Vineyard	Sian & Richard Liwicki	Oxford Dry	2018	Bronze	
5	Oaken Grove	Phil Rossi	Rose	2018	Bronze	
5	Chafor Wine Estate	Tim Chafor	Rose	2018	Bronze	
4	Brightwell Vineyard	Bob Nielsen	Pinot Noir	2015	Bronze	
2	Oaken Grove	Phil Rossi	Bacchus	2017	Bronze	
1	Vernon Lodge	Mike Dean	Madeleine Sylvaner	2018	Bronze	
6R	Bothy Vineyard	Sian & Richard Liwicki	Halcyon days	2016	Bronze	
2	Brightwell Vineyard	Bob Nielsen	Crispin	2017	Bronze	
4	Stanlake Park Wine Estate	Natalia Pezzone	Grand Reserve	NV	Bronze	
1	Dreaming Squires	Evelyn Joslin	Ortega	2018	Bronze	
2	Stanlake Park Wine Estate	Natalia Pezzone	Regatta	2017	Bronze	
4	Bothy Vineyard	Sian & Richard Liwicki	Cote Bothy	2016	Bronze	
2	Brightwell Vineyard	Bob Nielsen	Oxford Gold	2017	Bronze	
6	Oaken Grove	Phil Rossi	Blanc de Noir		Bronze	
5	Brightwell Vineyard	Bob Nielsen	Oxford Rose	2016	Bronze	
1	Chafor Wine Estate	Tim Chafor	Bacchus	2018	Bronze	
1	Stanlake Park Wine Estate	Natalia Pezzone	Bacchus	2018	Bronze	
1	Brightwell Vineyard	Bob Nielsen	Oxford Flint	2018	Bronze	
3	Stanlake Park Wine Estate	Natalia Pezzone	Hinton Grove	2015	Bronze	
6	Stanlake Park Wine Estate	Natalia Pezzone	Stanlake Brut	NV	Bronze	
5	Bothy Vineyard	Sian & Richard Liwicki	Oxford Pink	2017	comm	

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 2019 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**, therefore, to the judges who were:

**Patricia Stefanowicz** –MW Chairman of the Regional Challenge and Vice-Chairman of Thames and Chiltern Valley Vineyards Association.

**Lindsay Oram** – Lindsay Oram O'Donoghue AWE, CWW, AIWS

**Tobias Gorn** – Master Sommelier, Internationally qualified wine & spirits judge, Chairman of IWSC panels

**Mark Stefanowicz** –International Judge and Amateur MS Award Winner

**An equally big thank you** to Anne Linder helping me to blind the wines, to Phil Rossi for making the facilities at Oaken Grove Vineyard available to us at no cost and for providing a delicious lunch.

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

***Kind regards, Denise Santilli, Honorary Secretary T&CVA, Sept 2019***