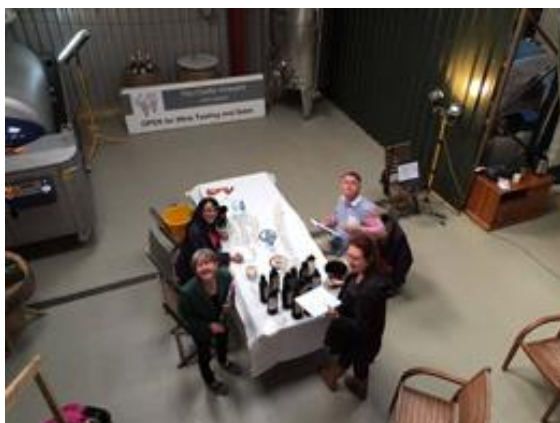


T&CVA 2015 Annual Wine Challenge Results

The 2015 Wine Challenge was held at The Chafor Wine Estate, Gawcott, Bucks on Sunday September 13th 2015. 36 wines from 10 vineyards were entered from the Region.

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



Sculpture in the Vineyard 2015

Where can you see a rotating 15 foot stainless steel yacht, a blue Neolithic Egyptian goddess and a life sized horse gamboling among wildflowers in the Oxfordshire countryside? These unlikely companions will be unleashed in the grounds of Bothy Vineyard, Frilford Heath, as part of an ambitious sculpture show from 23 May to 7 June 2015.?

Sculpture in the Vineyard will be Oxfordshire's largest exhibition of its kind this year:

200 outdoor sculptures, produced by 35 local and UK-wide artists, will be sited around the 7 acre grounds of the county's oldest vineyard, drawing visitors through the vines, orchard and wildlife areas. These large sculptures depicting a wide a variety of subjects and styles will be on public view, variously made from glass, bronze, marble and stone, wire-mesh and composites. A further 50 indoor sculptures will be on show in the working winery so that visitors will be able to admire the artwork in between the fermentation tanks, barrels and press.

Planning has been in progress for months. It is spearheaded and coordinated by Lendon Scantlebury, a Wantage-based sculptor, art restorer and *bon vivant*. Lendon is an experienced event organizer, art curator and the driving force behind the very successful sculpture exhibition in Bothy in 2013 and at Ardington last year.

The exhibition is being organized in aid of the Nasio Trust, which is run by Nancy Hunt (winner of the 2014 Inspirational Women of the Year Award). This Abingdon-based charity links young people in the UK and Kenya, improving their lives by funding and arranging positive activities in both countries.

Bothy Vineyard is near Abingdon and only 6 miles from Oxford. Sian Liwicki of Bothy Vineyard said, "Our first exhibition was a dream come true and we are thrilled to host *Sculpture in the Vineyard* again. We are fortunate to have a lovely site which is just perfect for growing vines, but for three weeks it will be transformed by beautiful and innovative works of art.

The public can taste our fabulous wines and leave with a greater appreciation of wine growing in England."

Richard Liwicki, winemaker of Bothy Vineyard's award winning wines, added, "I have been a supporter of the Nasio Trust for several years and this a perfect opportunity for us link three very different passions in our life – art, wine and making a difference to society."

Sculpture in the Vineyard will be open between 11-6 on 23-25 May, 27-31 May and 3-7 June. Entry and parking are free. All sculptures are for sale. Wine and other refreshments will be available throughout the day.

Lendon Scantlebury Project Coordinator

Scantlebury is a dynamic and colourful character with a deep enthusiasm for art. Barbados shaped the man. The sights, sounds, textures, tastes and smells seduced every sense in his formative years, and it is from that which he draws inspiration - for both painting and sculpting. Lendon and his partner Dawn Stephens (also a sculptor) run Barwell Gallery in Wantage.

Bothy Vineyard, established 37 years ago, continues an ancient tradition of wine making in the Vale of the White Horse, dating back at least to medieval times. The excellent microclimate, warm sandy soils, long ripening season and mature vines help produce wines of consistent depth and high quality which have won many awards. All wines are made from

grapes grown on site. The grapes are vinified and blended to produce a variety of dry and off-dry white wines in our own winery to produce a distinctly English style. Today 3 acres are under cultivation. The Bothy philosophy is to produce the highest quality wines from grapes cultivated in as environmentally friendly way as possible.

The Nasio Trust runs day care centres in Western Kenya providing orphaned or vulnerable children with a daily meal, education, medical care and support. In the UK, their unique programme, Nasio Exit 7 offers young people the opportunity to turn their lives around through positive activities and fundraising, culminating in volunteering in Kenya. The two-way relationship enhances both communities.

Cherwell Boathouse Lunch, February 22nd 2015

26 members of the T&CVA met to have lunch, network and present the trophies from the 2014 T&CVA Annual Wine Challenge. Full details of the winners of each of the trophies can be seen in the members briefing below.

