



PROMOTING THE FINE WINES OF ENGLAND

A FEW FACTS AND FIGURES ABOUT ENGLISH AND WELSH WINES AND VINEYARDS

Number of commercial vineyards: 503 (2015 figures)

Number of wineries: 133 (2015 figures)

Average annual production (bottle equivalent): 5.27m bottles
(this is based over a 3 year average 2013-2015)

2011 production 3.02m bottles

2012 production 1.03m bottles

2013 production 4.45m bottles

2014 production 6.3m bottles

2015 production 5.06m bottles

(Data supplied by Wine Standards Branch, Food Standards Agency and based on data collected at post harvest each year)

Hectarage under vine: in excess of 2000 ha (4,940 acres)

(attributed to Stephen Skelton MW)

In the last 10 years hectarage of planted vines has more than doubled and is set to grow by a further 50% by 2020.

Most northerly commercial vineyard: Yorkshire Heart Vineyard, near York

Largest single vineyard: Denbies Wine Estate (106 ha/265 acres)

Largest estate: Nyetimber (approx 170ha/420 acres)

Approx style of wines produced:

Sparkling: 66%

Still White: 24%

Red/rosé: 10%

Sparkling wine production started to exceed still from the 2010 harvest, and the sparkling wine sector continues to grow year on year. Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier account for over 50% of total varietal plantings).

Wine production is set to double in volume by 2020 – with predicted volumes increasing from 5m bottle average to 10m bottles.

Approximate retail value based on approximate market ready volumes: £82m

Share of the UK market is less than 1%

There are over 150 vineyards open to the public in the UK.

In the last 16 years* English sparkling wines have won 9 Trophies for Best International Sparkling Wine and 6 Trophies for Best Sparkling Rose in Global Competitions – no other country has achieved this (this is up to 2014 results – 2015 trophies have not all yet been announced).

**up to and including 2015 – final 2016 results yet to be confirmed.*

Wine Producing Regions in the UK

SOUTH EAST

Kent
Surrey
East Sussex
West Sussex
London South

WESSEX

Hampshire
Dorset
Wiltshire
Isle of Wight

SOUTH WEST

Cornwall
Devon
Somerset
Avon
Herefordshire
Worcestershire
Gloucestershire

THAMES & CHILTERN

Berkshire
Buckinghamshire
Oxfordshire
London West

MERCIA

Cheshire
Lancashire
Leicestershire
Lincolnshire
Northamptonshire
West Midlands
Yorkshire
Shropshire
Nottinghamshire
Rutland
Derbyshire
Staffordshire
Warwickshire
Wine producing counties in Scotland

EAST ANGLIA

Norfolk
Suffolk
Essex
Cambridgeshire
Bedfordshire
Hertfordshire
London North

WALES

The counties of North and South Wales

GRAPE VARIETES PLANTED
Top 20 varieties planted
based on 1532 ha

Variety	Aug 2015	% Total Production
Chardonnay	353.37	23%
Pinot Noir	323.14	22%
Bacchus	128.52	8.39%
Seyval	88.31	5.76%
Pinot Meunier	76.65	5%
Reichensteiner	72.35	4.72%
Rondo	48.24	3.14%
Muller Thurgau	45.94	2.99%
Madeleine Angevine	39.34	2.57%
Ortega	35.48	2.33%
Schonburger	27.82	1.82%
Fruhburgunder	26.89	1.75
Regent	26.80	1.75%
Phoenix	24.80	1.612%
Solaris	24.25	1.58%
Pinot Blanc	20.913	1.36%
Dornfelder	20.003	1.3%
Siegerebe	19.6485	1.28%
Huxelrebe	17.3	1.13%
Rulander	13.665	0.89%
TOP 20 VARIETIES	1447.55	94.4%

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PUBLICATIONS ON ENGLISH WINES AND VINEYARDS:

- **UK Vineyards Guide** by Stephen Skelton MW
 £12.95, available www.lulu.com (also available as an e-book at £7.95)
 A new edition will be published this year.
- **The Winelands of Britain: Past, Present & Prospective** by Professor Richard Selley
 £12.99, on line retailers, also www.petravin.co.uk
- **A map of the vineyards of England and Wales** is available free of charge from
www.englishwineproducers.com



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