



PROMOTING THE FINE WINES OF ENGLAND

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

Number of vineyards:	470 (2014 figures)
Number of wineries:	135 (2014 figures)
Average annual production (bottle equivalent): <i>(this is based over a 5 year average 2010-2014)</i>	3.77m bottles
2010 production	4.05m bottles
2011 production	3.02m bottles
2012 production	1.03m bottles
2013 production	4.45m bottles
2014 production	6.3m 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)

Hectarage is the highest ever in the UK, with area planted doubling in the last 7 years. In the last 10 years acreage has increased by over 140%. Vineyard numbers have also increased.

Most northerly commercial vineyard: Yorkshire Heart Vineyard, nr York

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

Largest estate: Nyetimber (approx 177ha/438 acres)

Approx style of wines produced:

Sparkling: 66%

Still White: 24%

Red/rosé: 10%

From the 2010 harvest, sparkling wine production now exceeds still, and the sparkling wine sector continues to grow year on year. Most of the recent plantings are for sparkling wine production (Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier account for over 50% of total varietal plantings).

Based on plantings over the last 8 years, sparkling wine becoming releasable in the next three years is likely to be 5+ million (1/8th of the volume of Champagne imports), giving this sector a retail sales value of some £100 million.

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

Share of the UK market is less than 1%

There are over 100 vineyards open to the public in the UK.

In the last 16 years* English sparkling wines have won 8 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 2014 – 2015 results will shortly 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 15 varieties planted
based on 1438 ha

Variety	Aug-14	% of total
Chardonnay	347.06	24.13%
Pinot Noir	323.14	22.47%
Bacchus	126.31	8.78%
*Seyval Blanc	88.46	6.15%
Pinot Meunier	76.06	5.29%
Reichensteiner	73.41	5.11%
Muller Thurgau	49.16	3.42%
Rondo (GM 6494/5)	47.15	3.28%
Madeleine Angevine	39.45	2.74%
Ortega	35.32	2.46%
Schönburger	31.75	2.21%
Regent	24.57	1.71%
Pinot Blanc	23.97	1.67%
Phoenix	22.53	1.57%
Fruhburgunder (Pinot Noir Précoce)	21.01	1.46%
TOTAL OF TOP 15 PLANTINGS	1329.35	92.44%
Other Varieties	108.65	7.56%
TOTAL HA	1438	

*Data supplied by Wine Standards Branch, Food Standards Agency
2014 figures will be updated shortly.
* = hybrid varieties*

PUBLICATIONS ON ENGLISH WINES AND VINEYARDS:

- **UK Vineyards Guide 2010** by Stephen Skelton MW
£22.95, available www.lulu.com
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

