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Take a closer look at home to find seriously unique wines with stacks of character and flavour

Why English? Strange though it may sound in Lancashire, English wines are on a steep upward curve. With over four hundred vineyards throughout England, mainly in the southern counties, the volume of good quality wine is astounding. English wines now win awards against many longer established wine producers in blind tastings.

Having taken the time to travel around England to meet the winemakers, the difficult part of creating an all English list has not been finding quality wines but instead how to decide which of these outstanding wines not to include.

English wines offer an opportunity to keep the pounds in Britain. Every bottle purchased is contributing to our economy right down the line. The reduction in mileage from vineyard to consumer also gives these wines an environmental edge.

For wine drinkers English wines now offer a top quality alternative as well as being economic and environmentally advantageous.

WHITE

Flint Valley £13.85
Denbies Wine Estate Surrey

From the largest English vineyard this crisp clean dry wine has a long finish gently flavoured with oak creating vanilla tones.

Vessel IV £13.95
Carr Taylor East Sussex

An example of a slightly sweeter English wine. Whilst technically medium dry the intense fruit flavours and enticing aromas make this the ideal wine for those who prefer the Piesporter style.

Pinot Grigio £15.95
Bolney Wine Estate West Sussex

One of the few English wines made using a recognised grape variety. It is equal to or better than many of its Italian cousins displaying similar aromas with hints of pear, lemon and apple on the palate.

Alexis £15.95
Carr Taylor East Sussex

Crisp aromatic white with grapefruit and lemon on the nose and a long dry citrus finish. When we visited the vineyard the winemaker confirmed our opinion that this wine is similar in style to a Sauvignon Blanc.

Madeleine £15.95
Stanlake Park Wine Estate Berkshire

A fine wine from Twyford near Reading! Madeleine Angevine is one of those grapes rarely heard of although it is widely planted in England. Whilst mainly used for blends, the winemaker has produced an exceptional single varietal wine. Off dry with hints of apricot and lime this herbaceous and floral wine is one of our favourites.

Ortega - Gribble Bridge £15.95
Biddenden Vineyard Kent

Top quality wine made using one of the most widely planted grape varieties in England. A former textiles baron from Rochdale took on this orchard in Kent and a generation on the family are producing fine English wines from the vines planted within this estate. Crisp and off dry, this wine comes highly recommended.

Kings Fumé £18.85
Stanlake Park Wine Estate Berkshire

Quite aptly named, this wine is of superlative quality. In a blind tasting this would compete with top quality oaked Chardonnay. Aged in new French oak creating a complex wine with soft vanilla, oak and buttery characteristics. Absolutely outstanding!

ROSÉ

Pinot Blush £16.70
Stanlake Park Wine Estate Berkshire

A delicate and dry rosé blended from the three Pinot grapes; Meunier, Noir and Gris (Grigio) to create a fine easy drinking pink wine.

Bolney Blush £16.95
Bolney Wine Estate West Sussex

Having achieved a degree in winemaking Sam has taken over the wine production on her father's vineyard. Using her expertise she has created this exceptional quality coral pink rosé, best described as "summer in a glass".

RED

Dornfelder £15.95
Biddenden Vineyard Kent

Dare to be different? Not only do we want you to try an English wine but this red wine is best served chilled. When the vineyard ran out of rosé Julian popped one of his red wines in the fridge. The result being that he discovered although originally made as a standard red it is delicious chilled. Reminiscent of Australian Tarrango, certainly different, definitely an inspiration.

Tyrannosaurus Red £16.70
Furleigh Estate Jurassic Coast - Dorset

For all you dinosaurs out there who think that England cannot produce good wines this is a superb example of an English vineyard producing a quality red wine. Vineyard owners Ian and Rebecca made our trip worthwhile with their excellent wines and enthusiastic approach. Deep crimson in colour yet light and easy drinking, guaranteed to be a roaring success.

Jim Pitcher £17.20
Furleigh Estate Jurassic Coast - Dorset

A smooth well balanced red wine from a young vineyard that is already producing some of the best English red wines we have found. Named after the vineyard manager, who was busy pruning when we dropped by, this wine has peppery notes and plummy undertones, a deep ruby colour and well structured palate creating a "shirazish" style.

Ruscombe £17.85
Stanlake Park Wine Estate Berkshire

A dry yet fruit filled red wine with a lovely rich colour and soft smooth flavour. Named after a local church, this wine is blended from the Dornfelder and Triomphe grape varieties.

SPARKLING

Biddenden Quality Sparkling £27.15
Biddenden Vineyard Kent

One English winemaker told us that the French are lucky as the rich vein of chalky soils we have in the southern counties runs under the English Channel right into the Champagne region. Over fifty percent of English wine production is sparkling, many of these are award winning internationally, and England is widely perceived as one of the best sparkling wine producer. We have chosen this particular wine because of its excellent quality yet value for money.

Denbies Sparkling Rosé Cuvée £28.45
Denbies Wine Estate Surrey

Originally we had no intention of stocking a sparkling rosé, however, having tasted the quality of this wine we felt compelled to include it. Like almost all English sparklers this wine is made by the traditional method, in this case producing a deep coloured, berry flavoured and velvety textured wine; one to savour.

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