



Sparkling Wine

The Vineyards of England and Wales

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- A guide to the sparkling wines of England and Wales
- Maps show the location of each vineyard
- Provides need-to-know info: grape varieties, wines, tasting notes, opening times, etc.

In the space of a few short years, English and Welsh sparkling wines have become recognised as some of the best in the world. Improvements in viniculture, a changing climate and *terroir* that often mimics the conditions found in the Champagne region of France have combined with the care and attention of predominantly artisanal makers to make fantastic wine. Travelling around more than 50 vineyards, *Sparkling Wine* celebrates this revolution. The expert author provides tasting notes, visiting information, and details on the *terroir* for each vineyard, along with engaging insight into the makers and their craft. This book provides an effervescent accompaniment to any country holiday. It collates directions, maps and opening times, making for an informative and accessible guide. You are rarely as far from a vineyard as you might think, and with *Sparkling Wine* in your pocket, with its pictures of rambling hills and grape-laden vines, Britain's vineyards seem even closer still.

After practising as an architect in his early career, **Stewart Wilde** changed tack and followed his passion, wine. Working in the UK wine trade for several years, he acquired and nurtured an intimate knowledge of the vineyards of England and Wales. He has become personally acquainted with many of the growers and makers who have contributed so much to the spectacular rise of British sparkling wine over the past decade. When he can be tempted away from the wine-growing regions of the UK, Stewart spends his time exploring vineyards further afield, from Sicily to Uruguay, Portugal to New Zealand.