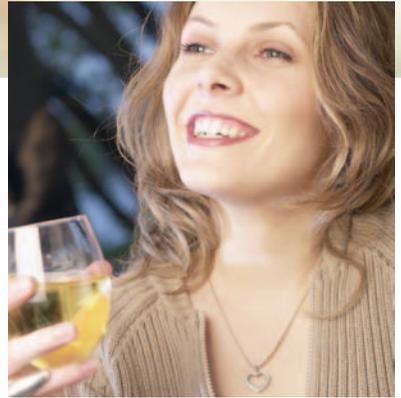


South East England

Wine Trail



*Uncover some of
south East England's best kept secrets*



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Welcome to the new South East England Wine Trail Map!

Every self-respecting vineyard region in the world has a map to show how to find wine producers open to visitors. Sometimes it's a 'Wine Route', sometimes a 'Strada di Vino' or a 'Route des Châteaux'. Here in the South East of England, the wine producers know they have something to shout about - the ever-increasing quality of their wines. And they want visitors to be able to find their way to the vineyards.

And not just the wines - there's a host of other attractions. Wine tastings (of course!), vineyard tours, cafés, restaurants and gift shops will make your visits memorable.

So, whether it's a day out, a weekend or a whole week, use this map to plan your next wine adventure. You don't have to go somewhere where you don't speak the language!

Visit some of the most beautiful parts of Hampshire, Kent, Oxfordshire, Surrey, East and West Sussex. You'll discover good wines and friendly people, without having to hang around at airports!

The Wine Trail is here to help you discover a wealth of sterling new wines. You'll find brown 'tourist attraction' road signs when you get close to your next vineyard. And you'll uncover some of South East England's best-kept secrets.

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Within the South East each area has its distinctive character and charm. You will find tranquil villages, stunning views and historic sites. Why not combine visiting a vineyard with a Farmers' Market, cheese producer or lunch in a rural pub serving local food?

For more information about great days out, visit: www.visitsoutheastengland.co.uk

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1 Bothy Vineyard

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Frilford Heath, Oxon, OX13 6QW
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E bothyvineyard@supanet.com
www.bothy-vineyard.co.uk

VINEYARD SIZE: 5 acres

The excellent microclimate, sandy soils and long, slow ripening season result in consistent award winning wines. Oxford Dry - our bestseller, a light, dry white wine, with grapefruit and tropical fruit flavours such as kiwi and pineapple. Renaissance - tastes of nectarines and a hint of dill seed on the nose giving way to peaches and cream on the palate. Just off dry, this blend of Optima and Ortega has a wonderful balance - won award for best regional white wine in 2004.

AVAILABLE AT: Vineyard's own shop, Added Ingredients in Stert Street, Abingdon, Appleton Stores in Marcham, and SJ Jones wine merchants in Banbury and Bicester.

VISITOR FACILITIES: Special opening during English Wine Week (last weekend in May and first weekend in June) with free wine tastings, cheese and biscuits, and tours running from 11.30 each day. Tours for groups between 10-30 welcome (£5/person, by prior arrangement). Location: Two miles west of Abingdon in Frilford Heath, next to Dog House Hotel. Ample parking

🕒 Between St George's Day and Christmas - weekends only, 10.00-17.00. Other times by appointment.

2 Hendred Vineyard

Contact: *Mary Mackinnon*

Sheephouse Barn, Allins Lane, East Hendred, Oxfordshire, OX12 8HR T 01235 828430
E Tim@textra.co.uk

VINEYARD SIZE: 6 acres

In 1973, we planted two grape varieties: Madeleine Angevine and Seyval Blanc. Sometimes blended sometimes kept separate, they produce fragrant, easy

drinking white wines, many of which are prize winners. Prizes in the 2004 Thames and Chiltern Vineyards Association Awards: Hendred Sparkling 2001 - Highly Commended; Runnington Hill 2001 - Bronze; Ridgeway 2003 - Bronze.

AVAILABLE AT: Our own shop, local farm shop Q Gardens in Steventon Hill and the village Post Office.

VISITOR FACILITIES: Hendred Vineyard is on the A417 between Wantage and Didcot, 15 mins of J13 of the M4, 30 mins J9 of M40.

🕒 Mon-Fri: 9.00-17.00 for wine sales. Phone for weekend opening hours. Wine tours & tastings by arrangement only.

3 Brightwell Vineyard

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Rush Court, Shillingford Road, Wallingford, Oxfordshire, OX10 8LJ
T 01491 836586 E wines@brightwines.freeserve.co.uk
www.brightwines.co.uk

VINEYARD SIZE: 35 acres

Oxford Flint, a classic fully dry white wine, blended from Chardonnay and Huxelrebe grapes. With refreshing, tangy citrus flavour, Oxford Flint is ideal as an aperitif. Crispin, a dry white wine blend, balanced to give a softer edge. Crispin shows a subtle fusion of orchard fruit with lingering hints of pears. A very easy drinking wine. Oxford Regatta, a clean, dry red wine, redolent of English summer berries, with flavours of raspberry and damson fading to a strawberry finish. A versatile wine, Oxford Regatta drinks well on its own, or as an accompaniment to almost any dish.

AVAILABLE AT: The vineyard, Wallingford Farmers' Market, and 'Added Ingredients' in Abingdon.

🕒 Vineyard tours are by arrangement.



4 Wickham Vineyard

Contact: *Angela Channon*

Botley Road, Shedfield, Southampton, SO32 2HL
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www.wickhamvineyard.co.uk

VINEYARD SIZE: 18 acres

Wickham produces a range of white wines including a lightly oaked Fumé selected by the House of Commons, a full bodied Red, a fruity Rosé and a Sparkling Wine.

AVAILABLE AT: the vineyard and selected Co-op, Sainsbury's and Waitrose stores.

VISITOR FACILITIES: Visitors can take an audio tour through the vineyard and winery followed by a wine tasting in the gift shop. Guided tours with meals can be arranged for group bookings. The vineyard is on the A334 between Botley and Wickham (M27, J7 or J10).

🕒 Mon-Sat: 10.30-17.30
Sun: 11.30-17.00

5 Denbies Wine Estate

Contact: *Marcus Sharp*

Denbies Wine Estate, London Road, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 6SP
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www.denbiesvineyard.co.uk

VINEYARD SIZE: 265 acres

The current range of award winning wines (four awards in the International Wine Challenge 2003/2004) has been divided into three categories:

The Estate Range: Flint Valley (White - Seyval Blanc/Reichensteiner) and Surrey Gold (White - Müller/Bacchus/Ortega)

The Cellarmasters Choice:

Juniper Hill (White - Schönburger/Bacchus), Coopers Brook (White - Chardonnay Blend), Redlands (Red - Dornfelder/ Pinot Noir), Rosé Hill 2003 (Pinot Noir/Dornfelder)

The Vineyard Select: Hillside Chardonnay (White - 100%

Chardonnay), Yew Tree Pinot (Red - 100% Pinot Noir), Greenfield's Cuvee (Premium sparkling - Chardonnay/Pinot Meunier/Pinot Noir)

AVAILABLE AT: Selected wines are available from selected Sainsburys, Waitrose, Somerfield, Ocado and the P&O Ferry Lines. The full range of wines is available from the Denbies shop, mail-order or online www.denbiesvineyard.com

VISITOR FACILITIES: The Denbies Wine Estate visitor centre offers excellent facilities. "Wine Experience" tours operate all year, there's a choice of restaurants, ever changing art exhibitions, a well stocked wine and gift shop plus plenty more. On-site Bed & Breakfast offers "4 Diamond" accommodation. perfect for those attending one of the weddings, conferences or parties held at Denbies Wine Estate. You can find Denbies just north of Dorking on the A24, close to the M25 and A3. Denbies is only a 15 minute walk from Dorking station.

🕒 Jan-Mar, Mon-Fri: 10.00-17.00, Sat: 10.00-17.30, Sun: 11.30-17.00. April-Dec, Mon-Sat: 10.00-17.30, Sun: 11.30-17.30. Closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

6 Painshill Park

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E teigeobrien@painshill.co.uk
www.painshill.co.uk

VINEYARD SIZE: 2.5 acres

Painshill Wines: 2000 Sparkling, a blend of 50% Pinot Noir 50% Seyval Blanc - a clean crisp good quality English sparkling wine - Bronze Medal Award (International Wine Challenge 2004). 2003 White, Seyval Blanc - a superb dry wine, Seal of Approval (International Wine Challenge 2004). 2003 Rosé - Pinot Noir and Seyval Blanc - another popular dry wine.

AVAILABLE AT: Painshill Park Visitor Gift Shop

VISITOR FACILITIES: One of Europe's most important 18th century parks with vineyard - Visitor Centre with Tearoom and Gift shop. Painshill Park can be reached via M25 (J10) and the A3 exit at Junction with A245 towards Cobham. Entrance to free car park is in Between Streets, Cobham, (A245) 200m east of the A245/A307 roundabout.

🕒 March-Oct: 10.30-18.00 (closed Mon) Nov-Feb: 11.00-16.00 or dusk (closed Mon and Tues)

7 Nutbourne Vineyards

Contact: *Bridget Gladwin*

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www.nutbournevineyards.com

VINEYARD SIZE: 18 acres

We produce Nutbourne Sussex Reserve 2003 - crisp dry white, Nutbourne Late Harvest 2001 - fruity off dry white, Nutbourne Bacchus 2001 - single varietal, dry and very fresh, Nutty Brut 2002 - traditionally made sparkling wine.

AVAILABLE AT: The vineyard as well as local shops, pubs, restaurants. VISITOR FACILITIES: No admission fee. Guided tours (min. 20 people) with full wine tasting £5.50/person. Directions: Brown vineyard tourist signs from A283 Pulborough-Storrington road in West Sussex. Easy access from A29 between Billingshurst and Pulborough - turn left directly into Gay Street, left again at the fork. You will find the vineyard after 1 1/2 miles on the right.

🕒 May-October Mon-Fri 14.00-17.00. Sat-Sun-BH 11.00-17.00

8 Bookers Vineyard Ltd

Contact: *Sam Linter and Duncan Monro*

Foxhole Lane, Bolney, West Sussex, RH17 5NB
T 01444 881575

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www.bookersvineyard.co.uk

We have currently 6 wines available: two still whites, including a Chardonnay, two reds including our award winning Dark Harvest, and two sparkling wines including a very fine Pinot Noir Rosé. We have achieved Quality Wine status for all our wines entered into the scheme.

AVAILABLE AT: Our own "Vineyard Atrium Shop" and South Down Wine Cellar in Hurstpierpoint.

VISITOR FACILITIES: Bookers Vineyard is located just off the A23 between Gatwick and Brighton. Take A272 exit towards Cowfold, after about 3/4 mile, turn right just after the petrol station. We are 1/2 mile up the lane, second driveway on left.

🕒 Mon-Sat 10.00-17.00. Guided tours available by pre-arrangement.

9 RidgeView Wine Estate

Contact: *Mardi Roberts*

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www.ridgeview.co.uk

VINEYARD SIZE: 25 acres

Family company who specialise in making international award winning, traditional method sparkling wine, exclusive from Champagne varieties including Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier.

AVAILABLE AT: Ridgeview Estate, selected Waitrose, Sunday Times Wine Club and The Wine Society

VISITOR FACILITIES: Tours of the vineyard and winery plus tastings of current releases £5/person by arrangement. Tutored blind tasting (8 sparkling wines) and tours for groups incl canapés £15/person. Ridgeview is situated 7 miles north of Brighton on the B2112, 1 1/2 miles north of Ditchling.

🕒 Winery open for sales & tastings Mon-Sat 11.00-16.30. Visitors welcome on Sundays by prior arrangement.

10 Plumpton Estate

Contact: Adam Smith (sales), Peter Morgan (wine maker) and Kevin Sutherland (manager)

Plumpton College, Ditchling Road, Plumpton, nr Lewes, BN7 3AE
T 01273 890454

E adam.smith@plumpton.ac.uk

VINEYARD SIZE: 12 acres

We produce quality red, rosé, white and sparkling wines including varietal Pinot Noir, Ortega and Bacchus.

🕒 By appointment only

11 Breaky Bottom Vineyard

Contact: Peter Hall

Rodmell, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 3EX

T 01273 476427

E breakybottom@btinternet.com
www.breakybottom.co.uk

VINEYARD SIZE: 6 acres

Principal variety Seyval Blanc, producing stylish méthode champenoise sparkling wines and dry still whites. Recent plantings of Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Meunier add complexity, depth and finesse to the sparkling wines.

AVAILABLE AT: The 1999 Cuvee Remy Alexandre, Bronze Medal International Wine Challenge 2004, is available at Harveys in Lewes, English Wine Centre in Alfriston, Butlers Wine Cellar in Brighton, Thameside Wines in Putney and from the vineyard (mail order).

VISITOR FACILITIES: Breaky Bottom lies in a beautiful and secluded fold in the South Downs, along a 1½ miles farm track (see website under location for directions). At the vineyard you can enjoy a free tasting of all the wines, sparkling, still white (dry and late harvest) and delicious home grown cassis. More formal group visits can be arranged to include an instructive tour of the vineyard and winery, cost £5.00 per person.

🕒 By appointment only.

12 The English Wine Centre

Contact: Christopher Ann

Alfriston Roundabout, East Sussex, BN26 5QS

T 01323 870164

E bottles@englishwine.co.uk

www.englishwine.co.uk

VINEYARD SIZE: Decorative vines

Over 50 English wines are on display. There is always a good selection for tasting with knowledgeable staff on hand. Our house range includes Cuckmere 2003, Downland Fumé, a wide range of Quality Sparkling, Kir Royale, Red and Rosé wines.

AVAILABLE AT: See our website to order on-line.

VISITOR FACILITIES: Set in the beautiful Cuckmere Valley, the 2 acre site contains old buildings and the English Wine Museum, attractive gardens, full catering facilities for booked parties. Regional food a speciality, mostly prepared in our own kitchens.

🕒 Daily 10:00-17:00

13 Davenport Vineyards

Contact: Will Davenport

Limney Farm, Castle Hill, Rotherfield, East Sussex, TN6 3RR
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E info@davenportvineyards.co.uk
www.davenportvineyards.co.uk

VINEYARD SIZE: 4 acres plus 8 acres in Kent

We have the following wines available: Limney "Horsmonden" Dry White (organic) and Limney Estate Sparkling Wine (in conversion to organic)

AVAILABLE AT: On-line, www.davenportvineyards.co.uk, Vintage Roots, Tel: 0118 976 1999, Vinceremos Tel: 0113 244 0002, The English Wine Centre in Alfriston.



14 Sedlescombe Organic Vineyard

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T 01580 830715 E enquiries@englishorganicwine.co.uk

www.englishorganicwine.co.uk

VINEYARD SIZE: 16 acres

Award-winning, organic and English! Sedlescombe's Dry White won 1st prize at the English Wine Festival. The oak matured red won a Highly Commended at the English Wine of the Year competition. We also produce a super Rosé and two sparkling 'bubbly' complete the range.

AVAILABLE AT: On-line, www.englishorganicwine.co.uk, Budgens (Sussex), Farmers' Markets, English Wine Centre in Alfriston.

VISITOR FACILITIES: Vineyard & woodland nature trail and wine tasting. Follow the self-guided long or short trail, see organic farming in action and sample the delights of organic English wines, liqueurs, cider and fruit juices. Wine a case of wine in the free competition! Situated in the heart of 1066 country on the B2244 just 1½ miles north of Sedlescombe village (3 miles south of Bodiam Castle), and 8 miles north of the seaside resort of Hastings.

🕒 Daily 10:00-18:00

15 Carr Taylor Vineyards

Contact: Linda Carr Taylor

Wheel Lane, Westfield, Hastings, East Sussex, TN35 4SG
T 01424 752501

E sales@carr-taylor.co.uk
www.carr-taylor.co.uk

VINEYARD SIZE: 37 acres

We were the first English vineyard to produce 'methode champenoise' wine commercially. This has won numerous international awards including two Gold Medals in France. We also make still white and rosé wines and a large selection of delicious fruit wines.

AVAILABLE AT: Our own shop, Budgens (Sussex), Middle Farm Shop (Firle), and La Hogue Farm Shop (Chippenham near Newmarket)

VISITOR FACILITIES: Visitors can follow the Vineyard Trail, taste the wines and enjoy coffee and cakes in our café. Our shop sells hampers, gifts, preserves, cards, chocolates etc. Guided tours available for pre-booked groups of 20 people or more. Follow the brown signs from the A21/A28 junction. Turn left by the Old Counthouse Pub in Westfield.

🕒 Our shop is open daily: 10:00-17:00

16 Biddenden Vineyards Ltd

Little Whatmans, Gribble Bridge Lane, Biddenden, Kent, TN27 8DF
T 01580 291933

E info@biddendenvineyards.com
www.biddendenvineyards.com

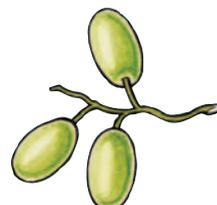
VINEYARD SIZE: 18 acres

White, Red, Rosé and a quality sparkling wine made by the traditional method. These wines are produced from eight varieties of vines and the total production takes place at our on-site winery.

AVAILABLE AT: Our own shop, Weald Smokery in Flimwell, East Sussex; English Wine Centre, Alfriston, East Sussex; Premier Wines, Week Street in Maidstone

VISITOR FACILITIES: Visitors are welcome to stroll around the 22 acres of vines. Maps for short or longer routes are provided. Tasting room to sample wines, ciders and apple juice. Guided tours by arrangements. You can find Biddenden Vineyard 1½ miles south of Biddenden on the A262.

🕒 Mon-Sat 10:00-17:00.
Sun 11:00-17:00 (Mar-Dec only)



17 Chapel Down Winery

Contact: Rebecca Deacon

Tenterden Vineyard, Small Hythe, Tenterden, Kent, TN30 7NG

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www.englishwinesgroup.com

VINEYARD SIZE: 25 acres

Chapel Down's quality sparkling wines are made in the traditional method and include a Brut NV, Vintage Brut, Pinot Reserve and Rosé Brut. Our range of blended and single varietal white, red and rosé wines are produced from grape varieties including Bacchus, Pinot Blanc and Pinot Noir.

AVAILABLE AT: The vineyard, Waitrose or select wine merchants in the South East of England. We sell our own wines plus a range of gourmet English products.

VISITOR FACILITIES: Tours by appointment every day, tastings available all year round. The Chapel Down Bistro offers excellent English Cuisine in stunning surroundings 7 days a week. From Tenterden High Street (A28) turn onto the B2082. After 2½ miles you will see a sign for Small Hythe, the vineyard is a further 300 yards on the right.

🕒 Daily 10:00-17:00

18 Meopham Valley Vineyard

Contact: David and Pauline Grey

Norway House, Wrotham Road, Meopham, Kent DA13 0AU
T 01474 812727
www.meophamvalleyvineyard.co.uk

VINEYARD SIZE: 4 acres organically grown grapes

Our Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris and sparkling wine (traditional method) are all available from the shop at the vineyard. Tasting takes place all through opening times.

AVAILABLE AT: Our own shop.

🕒 The vineyard shop is open throughout the year on Friday and Saturday, 11:00-dusk, and by appointment times but phone first to confirm.

19 Leeds Castle Vineyard

Contact: Derek Horton

Leeds Castle, Maidstone, Kent ME17 1PL
T 01622 765400

E enquiries@leeds-castle.co.uk
www.leeds-castle.com

VINEYARD SIZE: 4 acres

Set in 500 acres of beautiful parkland, a visit to Leeds Castle is full of discovery. A truly special blend of heritage, natural habitats and conservation awaits every visitor all year around. The Leeds Castle Vineyard is located on the original site listed in the 1086 Domesday Book and the grapes we grow include Müller Thurgau, Seyval Blanc, Reichensteiner and Schönburger producing award winning white wine (medium and medium dry).

AVAILABLE AT: From the Castle's Shops and Restaurants.

🕒 March-Oct: 11:00-17:00

Oct-March: 10:15-17:00

20 Elham Valley Vineyard

Contact: Gillian Breitfeld

Elham Valley Road, Breach, Barham, Nr Canterbury, CT4 6LN
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E familyinvest@tiscali.co.uk

VINEYARD SIZE: 2/3 acres

White Table Wine/Sparkling wine – Müller Thurgau, Seyval Blanc, Reichensteiner

AVAILABLE AT: Our own shop.

VISITOR FACILITIES: Come and look around our vineyard and see how the vines grow in the sheltered, tranquil valley that gives the vineyard its name. Enjoy morning coffee, clotted cream tea with home-made cakes and scones, or a light lunch. Set in an area of outstanding natural beauty on the B2065 off the A2 Canterbury to Dover road and only minutes from the cathedral city of Canterbury.

🕒 Easter-Oct: Mon-Fri 9:00-17:00, Weekends 11:00-17:00
Nov-March: Mon-Fri 9:00-16:00, Weekends 11:00-16:00. Groups and Coach parties by arrangement.

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The South East boasts a large variety of local and regional produce which is produced, grown and raised with skill and care. By buying and enjoying local food and drink, you not only support the farmers and producers you also assist the local economy and help protect our heritage.

For more information about local and regional food:

At County level:

Produced in Kent
www.producedinkent.co.uk T: 01622 221968

A Taste of Sussex
www.atasteofsussex.co.uk T: 01444 259265

Surrey Food Links
www.surreyfoodlinks.co.uk T: 0208 541 9364

Hampshire Fare
www.hampshirefare.co.uk T: 01962 845999

Federation of Berkshire, Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes and Oxfordshire Food Groups,
www.local-food.net T: 01865 484116

Regional:

www.buylocalfood.co.uk - information about producers based in the South East, Festivals and Farmers' Markets

National:

www.regionalfoodanddrink.com - national database of regional producers



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