

News item:

English sparkling wine named Best in the World

Sussex sparkling wine producer [Ridgeview](#) has won the trophy for the best sparkling wine in the world in the [Decanter World Wine Awards 2010](#).

Ridgeview's Grosvenor Blanc de Blancs 2006 beat competition from Champagnes including Taittinger and Charles Heidsieck as well as other prestigious sparkling wines from around the world to win the International Trophy for Sparkling Wine Over £10. This is the first time the trophy has been awarded to a wine from outside Champagne.

More than 10,000 wines were entered into the competition including over 700 sparkling wines. Decanter World Wine Awards Tastings Director, Christelle Guibert, said this was a tremendous home-grown success. 'What a result, this unequivocally rubberstamps England's membership to that exclusive club of truly world class, sparkling wine producers. Up

against a clutch of Champagne's finest, Ridgeview has produced a stupendous wine that defeated them all. It's a truly remarkable win.'

The Roberts family behind the Ridgeview label were taken completely by surprise when the result was announced. Ridgeview's proprietor Mike Roberts commented: "Winning the Decanter Best International sparkling wine trophy is absolutely fantastic for this family business. It really does reward our enthusiasm and dedication. I am so proud that Ridgeview actually had two wines in the final shortlist of the 10 of the best sparkling wines. There was one Australian wine but no less than seven champagnes, several of which are three times more expensive than our wines".

Mike Roberts founded Ridgeview on the South Downs of England with his wife Christine in 1995. Their daughter Tamara, their son Simon and daughter-in-law Mardi all work for the winery. Since initial sales in the year 2010 Ridgeview have won over 140 trophies and medals for their sparkling wine, putting English sparkling wine on an International stage.

Links:

Ridgeview – www.ridgeview.co.uk

DWWA - <http://www.decanter.com/specials/497916/the-decanter-world-wine-awards-the-2010-results>