

# PRIORS DEAN VINEYARD

## FINE ENGLISH WINE

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### Information and sales.

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## NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2020

### A bit of good news !

Our 2018 vintage, Summer Hills, has been awarded a silver medal in the WineGB National WineGB wine of the year competition. We usually enter this and have got many awards over the years, We have a succession of Bronze medals, but only one previous Silver way back in 1998. We knew this was a good wine as it had already won a Silver and a trophy in the Wessex area competition in November., but the National competition is a far bigger thing, we have to compete with much bigger vineyards all over the country, with more facilities, and money, than we can manage.

In these competitions the wine is blind tasted by a panel of eminent Masters of Wine who award marks, and only if the wine reaches a certain standard is the award given. Of course much of the success is due to our winemaker Emma and her team at Hattingley Valley Vineyard who make the wine for us.. Also to to our volunteers over the years, who have turned out for pruning in freezing January and heat wave summers. Plus of course all who helped with grape picking that year.

### The year in the vineyard.

All started well. The pruning was done on time, and we escaped the frost which attacked many other vineyards, then the fine weather in June meant a good fruit set. However the weather became humid and there was a problem doing the spraying and we now have our usual problem, powdery mildew, leading to rot on the early varieties. The Seyval grapes are resistant, and we hope they will last into the Autumn. If all stays well we will be picking from the end of September.

### Sales - special offer

Due to the wretched virus our sales have dropped dramatically and our store is very full. Luckily wine does not deteriorate for some while and our wines improve with ageing, losing acidity and becoming more mellow. The main loss has been with our Seyval sparkling, usually bought for weddings and special occasions. And there hasn't been a lot of those.! To make room in the store, and to get things moving we are offering it at a special price of **£19.99 per bottle**. This wine is also an award winner, getting a Bronze in 2019.,and is made exactly as Champagne.

### PRICES FROM US (For other outlets see web site.)

#### SPARKLING WINE

Seyval Blanc 2013

1 bottle £19.99

Case of 12 bottles £228.00

#### STILL WINE

Summer Hills 2018 dry

1 bottle £10.00

Case of 12 bottles £108

Discount for larger quantities

**Best wishes to you all**

Pam