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Dunesforde's Classic Cuvée awarded as Best Wine for Midlands and North at 2022 WineGB awards lunch

Wine experts, including English wine champions Oz Clarke and Susie Barrie, have awarded Dunesforde Vineyard's Queen of the North the accolade of best wine in the region at today's lunch held at Drapers' Hall.

Founded in 2016, Dunesforde is one of the most northerly commercial vineyards in England and its wines are now appreciated far and wide.

With the first wines launching less than three years ago, Dunesforde is now a multi-award-winning vineyard where Solaris, Bacchus, Pinot Noir Précoce and Pinot Gris varieties are grown.



Speaking after the award ceremony in London, Peter Townsend, Head of Wine Development, commented, "We are delighted to have received this prestigious award from WineGB. We are still a young vineyard compared to many in the UK and are immensely proud that our Queen of the North's first vintage has been honoured in this way."

The Townsend family who live next to the vineyard in Upper Dunsforth, North Yorkshire having been captivated by the local

history, commissioned this Classic Cuvée for which England is fast becoming renowned and dedicated it to Queen Cartimandua, the first documented 'Queen of the North'. As leader of the largest and most northerly tribe in England, this powerful lady chose to form an alliance



with the Roman invaders rather than be wiped out in futile battle. Made by traditional method using a blend of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grapes harvested in the spectacular summer of 2018. This wine is rich in flavour with all the elegance one would expect from its regal association. Only 1316 individually numbered bottles were produced.

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About Dunesforde

Dunesforde is a six-acre vineyard in Upper Dunsforth, York producing outstanding cool climate wines in one of the most northerly locations in the UK. Set up in 2016, it is owned and managed by the Townsend Family. A total of six thousand vines across four different grape varieties are grown at Dunesforde: Solaris, Bacchus, Pinot Gris and Pinot Noir Précoce. The first harvest wines were released in 2019 and the vineyard now produces a range of still and sparkling wines. They have now received many awards for their wines including a gold medal which was awarded in 2021. In addition to their wines this boutique vineyard has first class facilities, and their range of tours and tastings are appealing to all sectors both private and commercial.

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