

# Biddenden

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### Biddenden Vineyards is 'pick of the bunch' as it celebrates multi-award winning Ortega wines

It's off to the House of Lords for managing director Julian Barnes of Biddenden Vineyards and Cider Works, following the vineyard's multiple award-winning performance in the UK's largest wine competition, organised by the United Kingdom Vineyards Association.

Kent's oldest family-owned vineyard and cider works swept the board with its still white wine called **Biddenden Ortega 2008** - adding to dozens of other awards won by Biddenden Vineyards, visitor centre and wine shop over four decades. MD Julian Barnes will travel to the House of Lords later this month to receive his awards in 'The English & Welsh Wine of the Year Competition 2009' from the president of the United Kingdom Vineyards Association, Lord Montagu of Beaulieu.

The outstanding performance of Biddenden Ortega 2008 still white wine was particularly impressive because a single category of wine picked up *two* prestigious Trophies *and* a Gold Medal. Added to this the **Biddenden Gribble Bridge Ortega Dry 2008** (a drier still white wine) also won a Gold Medal, whilst the still rosé variety - the **Biddenden Gribble Bridge Rosé 2008** - was awarded a Bronze Medal.

Speaking about the win, MD of Biddenden Vineyards, Julian Barnes said: "We are absolutely thrilled to win two trophies and three medals for our wines in such

a prestigious wine competition. Every year over 30,000 visitors from all over the world tour Biddenden Vineyards and buy our wine from the shop and visitor centre. Now these awards are confirmation from the UK's top wine experts that Biddenden's wines are truly outstanding."

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Barnes says the moderately priced, award winning Biddenden Ortega 2008 full fruit, medium white wine is particularly perfect for the hot weather we are all enjoying and is ideally served slightly chilled as a refreshing summer aperitif or with a cool accompaniment to pasta, chicken, summer salads or cheese. The special award winning 2008 vintage looks set to be available by the Autumn and Biddenden Ortega 2007 can be ordered now online or bought direct from the vineyard's shop.

Biddenden Vineyards are located just outside the beautiful and historic village of Biddenden on Gribble Bridge Lane and in these cash strapped economic times, the vineyards look set to provide a fantastic and free visitor attraction for all the family during the summer holidays. Visitors are welcome to stroll around the 22 acres of vines set in the beautiful Kentish Countryside, or join one of the free guided tours. Families and wine connoisseurs can view the presses and bottling line in The Winery and visit Biddenden Vineyard's shop, tasting room and visitor centre to sample the fabulous wines, ciders and apple juices. The full range of products is also available online. The vineyard can also cater for bespoke events and offers a number of exciting combined visitor attraction tours – see the website for full details.

For more visit [www.biddendenvineyards.com](http://www.biddendenvineyards.com) , telephone: +44 (0)1580 291726 or E: [info@biddendenvineyards.co.uk](mailto:info@biddendenvineyards.co.uk)

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**Pictured:** Managing director Julian Barnes of Biddenden Vineyards with the award winning Biddenden Ortega 2008

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