

Win for wine company

The Oxford Wine Company has been awarded the title of Regional Wine Merchant of the Year. It is the second time the Standlake-based firm has won the title from respected trade body The International Wine Challenge.

The judges, who are Masters of Wine and prominent wine journalists, sifted through 300 entries in the central England south region to come up with the winning merchants.

Ted Sandbach, founder and managing director of the business, which recently opened a retail outlet on Botley Road, Oxford, said: "It is always very rewarding when we are recognised by fellow members of the trade who look at all entries in an objective manner.

"We have had many comments about the diversity of our range and the fact that we are prepared to stock an interesting range of wines, rather than feeling that we have to justify shelf space.

"The judges also were impressed by our website and the range of tastings and dinners that we organise."



Managing director Ted Sandbach

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