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GUSBOURNE SUCCESS AT SOMMELIER WINE AWARDS 2016

Appledore, Kent – Gusbourne announced today that it had been awarded three prestigious medals at this year's Sommelier Wine Awards.

The latest vintage releases, Gusbourne Blanc de Blancs 2011 and Gusbourne Brut Reserve 2011, both obtained gold medals while the Gusbourne Pinot Noir 2014 secured a silver medal.

Charlie Holland, the winemaker at Gusbourne, commented:

“To win two coveted gold medals at this highly respected competition is a real achievement and a great endorsement of our wines. The medals are an acknowledgment of the particular relationship between our vineyard team and our winemaking team and our growing understanding of the character of each individual vineyard parcel; which is itself the result of using only our own Estate grown grapes to make our wines.”

Consistent with the policy of the Estate to bottle age their wines for as long as is required to reach full potential, both of the Gusbourne Brut Reserve 2011 and Gusbourne Blanc de Blancs 2011 follow extended lees ageing.

2011 was a lower yielding year for the Estate with smaller than normal bunches. A warm summer led to an early harvest where grapes were picked with optimum acidity and with a very high level of phenolic maturity.

The vineyards at Gusbourne, which are on low-lying coastal escarpments, are predominantly planted with lower yielding Burgundian clones. These factors together ensure full maturity in the fruit, enabling the Estate to produce vintage wines each and every year. This authentic expression of terroir and the personality of each vintage, are the defining characteristics of Gusbourne wines.

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Notes to editors:

- Gusbourne has steadily built a reputation for exceptional quality English Sparkling Wine, with accolades from some of the industry's most exacting critics. Year on year, the Estate produces award-winning wines that consistently outperform the finest offerings from around the world.
- The Sommelier Wine Awards is one of the most revered and competitive annual awards events in the wine industry, specifically aimed at the on-trade. All wines are tasted blind by a panel which includes Master Sommeliers, Masters of Wine and top trade buyers. Of the 2,500 wines entered only 10% make the 'Gold List'.