

Henkell Freixenet acquires Bolney Wine Estate

As of January 14, Henkell Freixenet has acquired renowned English sparkling wine and wine cellar Bolney. English sparkling wine has been experiencing exponential growth, and the category is an “emerging” one, as the “new Champagne.”

Bolney Wine Estate, located near Brighton and founded in 1972, is considered a pioneer among the estates in England, with a portfolio of award-winning still and sparkling wines. Originally founded by Janet and Rodney Pratt, the winery is now run by their daughter Samantha Linter.

“As producers of Champagne, Crémant, Cava, Prosecco and sparkling wines of various origins, we are delighted to add English Sparkling Wine, a still young, prestigious sparkling wine speciality to our ‘Pearls of Europe.’ We are convinced that as the global market leader in the sparkling wine market, we can further strengthen the image of English Sparkling nationally and internationally,” says Dr Andreas Brokemper, CEO of Henkell Freixenet.

Robin Copestick, managing director of Freixenet Copestick, commented: “When we first saw Bolney Wine Estate, we were sure we had found the perfect winery. The sparkling wines are excellent and the business is excellently run by Samantha Linter. She will work closely with the Henkell Freixenet and Freixenet Copestick teams as managing director. Together we aim to realise the opportunities presented by English Sparkling Wine and continue to grow Bolney Wine Estate's position.” Freixenet Copestick is the UK and Ireland arm of Henkell Freixenet.

Sam Linter added: “This is a new chapter for Bolney Wine Estate. Over the past 50 years my family and I have worked hard to bring Bolney to where it is today. I am now very much looking forward to working with Freixenet Copestick and helping to develop Bolney within the group nationally and internationally.”