

Our Award winning Wines



Still wines

The Solaris and the Bacchus are two beautifully delicate, dry white wines, both bursting with character or try our limited edition rosé and red from our Pinot Noir Précoce.



Sparkling wines

Our range of sparkling wines varies each year depending on the success of the harvest and this is largely determined by the challenges our vines face in North Yorkshire. With unique and diverse varieties from Pinot Gris to Pinot Noir Précoce we aim to make outstanding fizz, full of flavour.

Private tours, tastings and wine events

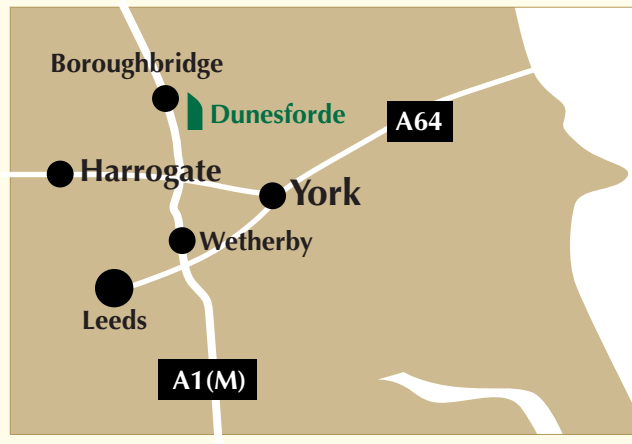
Join a regular tour, book a private tasting experience or host your own wine event. Whatever your requirements the Dunesforde team are committed to providing the best possible vineyard experience. From vintage car rallies to walks in our fabulous nature reserve, we can accommodate a large array of different events. If you're interested in booking a tour, tasting or some special event please get in touch with us.

Volunteering opportunities

We have a fantastic team of volunteers who support Dunesforde in its aim to produce outstanding cool climate wines. If you are interested in working outdoors among the vines with a friendly group, please email contact@dunesforde.com.

Keep up to date

Send us an email and we'll add you to our newsletter mailing list so you're up to date with all the latest from Dunesforde.



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Outstanding cool
climate wines from
the Vale of York

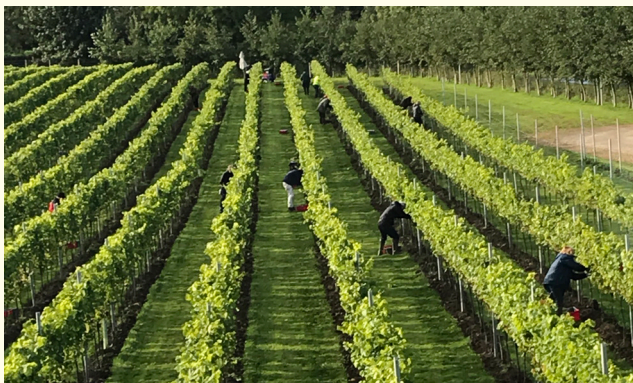
Boutique wines

Inspired by the soft, green hills of Tuscany, made with cool climate grapes grown in the lowlands of the Vale of York.

Twenty years of research and discovery preceded Dunesforde, a four-acre vineyard in Upper Dunsforth. Whilst working in Italy, eldest son James discovered his passion for viticulture, from which the idea of a family-run North Yorkshire vineyard was born. This idea became a reality in 2016, when the first vines were planted.



Along the way, we've had excellent advice and support from wine specialists, brand experts, as well as numerous volunteers. It's not been plain sailing; with storms, late frosts, disease and of course the recent challenges of coronavirus which has impacted us all. Nevertheless, our little northern outpost thrives when all reason suggests it should falter.



The Vineyard

Each vineyard has its own character derived from its location which impacts greatly on the wine it can produce. We have four varieties of grape growing at Dunesforde; Pinot Gris, Pinot Noir Précoce, Solaris and Bacchus, all chosen for either their suitability to our northern location or to provide us with an exciting and unique range of still and sparkling wines. Our climate is ideal for sparkling wines as the level of acidity we are able to achieve here lends itself very well to sparkling wine. However, being so far north places us on the very edge of where grapes will consistently ripen, making us appreciate those grapes we harvest all the more.

Roman Connections

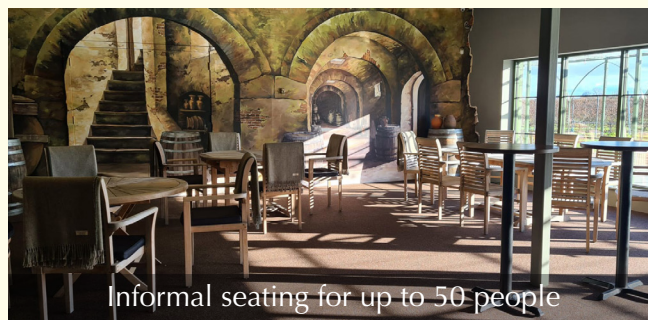
As the vines developed, so did our discovery of our area's remarkable history. Our interest peaked when we discovered that Roman tablets, unearthed at Vindolanda, evidenced the buying of wine in nearby Aldborough. The Roman road from York to Aldborough is not that far from Dunesforde so nearly 2,000 years ago Romans would have undoubtedly passed where our vineyard stands today.

Terrace & Tasting Rooms, available for private hire.

Working alongside local partners we offer a range of delectable picnics and platters, all purposefully designed to pair fabulously with our wines. We pride ourselves on providing the very best facilities, in order to ensure any visit to Dunesforde is one to be remembered. With tours & tastings available from April to October and our cellar and terrace bars available for wine by the glass throughout the year, there's always something to be enjoyed at Dunesforde.

Cellar Bar

The cellar bar features beautiful and extensive murals in the Roman style, painted by the Leyburn artist Lynn Ward.



Informal seating for up to 50 people

Roman Room

The larger of our tasting rooms, Lynn Ward brought this room to life with a 27ft by 8ft mural depicting the nearby village of Aldborough at the peak of the Roman occupation.



Roman Room, seats up to 60

Queen of the North Room

The smaller of our two tasting rooms is dedicated to Queen Cartimandua, our Queen of the North, who reigned over this area c.AD43- c.AD 69.



Queen of the North Room, seats up to 12

The Terrace

Our terrace offers an outstanding setting amongst the vines, positioned to catch the sun throughout the day. It provides an ideal environment to enjoy our wines. The Terrace bar is open 4pm – 7pm on Fridays & 12pm – 7pm on Saturdays and other times by special arrangement. On rainy days we move to our equally stunning facilities indoors.



The Terrace Bar, seats up to 50