

# Seyval Blanc Hindleap Sparkling Bluebell 2020



## Region

If you have never tried an English wine before – well now is your opportunity. The vineyards of England are generally located in the warmer southern counties where the milder influences of the gulf stream have an important effect, as our northern hemisphere vineyards need a longer cooler growing season than in Europe to produce top quality grapes. More than 500 vineyards are in production across the UK and bottled annual sales has reached 3 million bottles, with Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Bacchus the most planted varieties.

## Producer

The original vines of Bluebell Vineyards were planted in 2005 with the desire to produce high quality English sparkling wines. The wines are named Hindleap as the Hindleap Hill is just beyond the vineyards. Situated on the fringes of the Ashdown Forest on sandstone soils, there are now 10 ha under vine, predominantly Pinot Noir and the classic Champagne varieties with some experimental Seyval and Bacchus. The vines are carefully nurtured, and hand harvested before small batch fermentation. Blending the wines before the second fermentation and ageing for a minimum nine months (17 months in practice) imparts a distinct imprint of terroir to the Champagne quality.

## Tasting Notes

Made from 100% Seyval Blanc, this grape is perfectly suited to the English climate and this vintage created a lovely sparkling wine with crisp apple and melon aromas on the nose. The palate has zesty orange and grapefruit notes with tropical fruits and elderflower on the finish. The wine is made in steel to preserve freshness, time on lees for added richness and texture, and finally blended with different batches for further complexity. A deliciously fresh and unique sparkling as an excellent example of English wine.

## Food

A fine aperitif and good accompaniment to asparagus, crab salad or grilled sea fish, roast chicken and soft cheeses.

### Technical Information

<b>Country</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Region</b>	Southern England
<b>Grape(s)</b>	Seyval Blanc (100%)
<b>Type</b>	Sparkling
<b>Style</b>	Fizz
<b>Oaked Style</b>	Unoaked
<b>Body Style</b>	Light bodied
<b>Sustainable</b>	Yes-certified sustainable

<b>Dry/Sweet Style</b>	Bone dry	
<b>Alcohol Content</b>	12%	
<b>Closure Style</b>	Cork	
<b>Organic/Biodynamic</b>	No	
<b>Allergens</b>	<b>Milk:</b>	No
	<b>Egg:</b>	No
<b>Vegetarian/Vegan</b>	<b>Vegetarian:</b>	Yes
	<b>Vegan:</b>	Yes



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