Ashdown Rose, Bluebell Vineyard Estates Sussex 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 bath 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

A fruity blend of Pinot Noir and Merlot. This English rose is bold and fruit-forward with aromas of peach, apricot and strawberry on the nose. The palate is fresh and elegant, with a crisp acidity balancing the juicy summer fruit flavours.

Food

Perfect chilled as an aperitif or pair with prawn cocktail or cured meats.

Technical Information

Country	United Kingdom
Region	Southern England
Grape(s)	Pinot Noir (85%) Merlot (15%)
Type	Rose
Style	Crisp
Oaked Style	Unoaked
Body Style	Light bodied
Sustainable	Yes-certified sustainable

Dry/Sweet Style	Bone dry	
Alcohol Content	11.5%	
Closure Style	Cork	
Organic/Biodynamic	No	
Allergens	**Milk:**	No
	Egg:	No
Vegetarian/Vegan	**Vegetarian:**	Yes
	Vegan:	Yes

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