

## Skye's White 2014

Kent, Southern England, England



### PRODUCER

Balfour - Hush Heath Estate, situated in Kent, dates back to 1503. At the heart of the property is a Tudor manor surrounded by 162 hectares of perfectly manicured oak forests, vineyards, and apple orchards. Forward-thinking Richard Balfour-Lynn first planted vineyards on the property in 2002, with the aim of making England's finest sparkling rosé. Today, the 25 hectares of vineyards and eight hectares of apple trees are meticulously and sustainably managed by a family of viticulturists. The wines and cider, some named after Richard's family, are made from estate grown fruit by winemakers Owen Elias and Victoria Ash. Owen is a four-time UK Vineyards Association 'Winemaker of the Year' winner and has nearly 20 years of experience making English wines.

### VINEYARDS

All vineyards are located on the 400 acre estate in the heart of Kent. Wealden clay soils overlay Tunbridge Wells sand. Vines are trellised using the double guyot method with vertical shot positioning. Planting density is 3300 vines per hectare and the whole estate is managed sustainably.

### VINTAGE

2014 was a fantastic year in Kent. The Chardonnay was hand picked in mid to late October.

### VINIFICATION

Whole bunch pressed at Hush Heath's state of the art winery. Cool fermentation took place at 14-16°C in stainless steel with selected yeasts to encourage an aromatic, fresh and fruit forward style. Minimal malolactic fermentation was carried out to retain a zesty acidity, preserving purity of fruit and site. The wine spent three months on its lees in tank, adding richness and body and was bottled without any oak influence.

### TASTING NOTES

Brilliant white gold in the glass with a clean nose of citrus, thyme and pineapple. A lively acidity is balanced by rich, ripe grapefruit, citrus and apple flavours. It is a wine with great length, finishing with saline, herbal notes typical of the Hush Heath style.

### AWARDS

Decanter World Wine Awards 2016, Silver

Grape Varieties	<b>100% Chardonnay</b>
Winemaker	<b>Victoria Ash</b>
Closure	<b>Screwcap</b>
ABV	<b>12%</b>
Residual Sugar	<b>3.8g/L</b>
Acidity	<b>7.3g/L</b>
Wine pH	<b>3.05</b>
Bottle Sizes	<b>75cl</b>
Notes	<b>Sustainable, Vegetarian, Vegan</b>