

Balfour Brut Rosé 2015

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 Hush Heath's 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 Shoot Positioning. Planting density is 3,300 vines per hectare and the whole estate is managed sustainably.

VINTAGE

2015 saw cooler conditions over the growing season. Warmer weather began at the start of autumn which resulted in a long, fine ripening season. Grapes were hand harvested between 21st - 26th October 2015. The quality of fruit produced in 2015 is of excellent quality.

VINIFICATION

The gently pressed cuvée juice was fermented at 16°C in stainless steel vats. After blending, second fermentation took place in the bottle, and was followed by three years of ageing on the lees.

TASTING NOTES

This wine is pale pink in colour, with a fine sustained mousse. It has a clean nose with hints of blackberry leaf, hazelnut and rhubarb. On the palate, it has a lively acidity with notes of summer berries and apples. The finish is long, refreshing and elegant.

Grape Varieties **47% Chardonnay**
 33% Pinot Noir
 20% Meunier

Winemaker	Victoria Ash
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	12%
Residual Sugar	4.4g/L
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Sustainable, Vegetarian, Vegan