

Nannette's Rose 2019

Kent, Southern England, England



Grape Varieties	27% Regent
	25% Reichensteiner
	16% Pinot Noir
	15% Dornfelder

Winemaker	Owen and Fergus Elias
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	11.5%
Residual Sugar	7.7g/L
Acidity	7.1g/L
Wine pH	3.08
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan

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 shoot positioning. Planting density is 3,300 vines per hectare and the whole estate is managed sustainably.

VINTAGE

2019 was in many ways a challenging year, especially when compared to the superb 2018 vintage, due mainly to the wet September and October. That said, skilled winemakers have made some superb wines from the vintage with clean fruit aromas balancing the fresh acidity.

VINIFICATION

The different grape varieties which make up the Nannette's Rose are all fermented separately, and then blended together to create a Provence style rose with an English twist. Each variety is chosen to add specific characteristics to blend. The key grape variety is Regent which adds a beautiful soft fruit character to rosé wines. Pinot Noir adds body and summer red fruit character.

TASTING NOTES

This wine is pale pink in colour. On the nose, there are floral aromas with hints of ripe pear, kiwi, red fruits and wild herbs. It is dry and crisp on the palate, with notes of fresh strawberries, cherries, a herbaceous twist, and a saline finish.