



WISTON ESTATE BLANC DE BLANCS 2018

A stunning expression of this great vintage

VINTAGE. 2018

BOTTLING. 2019

BLEND. 100% Chardonnay

DOSAGE. 8.0 g/L

ABV. 12%

TASTING NOTE Intense nougat and lemon zest on the nose, with ripe greengage, apples and pastry flavours on the palate. Notes of fresh buttered scones and candied lemon peel. Aged in mature oak barrels and stainless steel, this single vineyard, single vintage, 100% Chardonnay is ready to drink now, but will age beautifully for those with patience.

FOOD MATCH Pair with oysters or fresh shellfish - or try with a hunk of fresh baguette and some Sussex cheeses

WINEMAKING

The 2018 harvest, which has gone down in recent folklore of UK grape growing. A year when the stars aligned. A four-week window of exceptional weather around flowering helped create a bountiful crop (approx. 70% more than average) with exceptional level of ripeness. Who'd have bet on that in late February when we welcomed the Beast from the East?! The good weather persisted, through October, when the grapes were hand harvested. The whole bunches (solely sourced from our original vineyard) were gently pressed in the Coquard to preserve delicate fruit flavours and aromas. The juice was fermented in a mix of old French barrels and stainless steel tanks, and stored on lees for nine months before bottling. The wine was then aged for 4-5 years on lees before disgorgement and ageing on cork. GOLD MEDAL - IWC 2023.

ABOUT WISTON ESTATE

Wiston Estate is a family venture, small in scale, impressive in aspiration and unrelenting in pursuit of quality. The estate has been in the hands of the Goring family since 1743 and is presided over today by Harry and Pip Goring. The estate is managed by their son Richard, and he and his wife Kirsty are now in charge of the day to day running of the vineyard and winery. It was Pip's long-held conviction that the estate held the potential to grow high quality grapes, having grown up in South Africa's winelands, and thanks to the South Downs' similarities of soil and climate to Champagne. The original 16-acre vineyard, planted in 2006, was the fruit of Pip's dream and tenacity. Today, under winemaker Marcus Rayner-Ward, the tight-knit team spares no effort in the vineyard or winery. The vineyards lie on a south-facing chalk escarpment and are planted with Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier. A natural sun-trap and protected from prevailing winds, the vines benefit from maximum sun exposure, promoting ripening.