



WISTON ESTATE CUVÉE 2020

An opulent expression of our flagship single vineyard wine

VINTAGE. 2020

BOTTLING. 2021

BLEND. 57% Pinot Noir, 33% Chardonnay,
10% Pinot Meunier

DOSAGE. 8g/l

ABV. 12%

TASTING NOTE The 2020 Cuvée is super fresh and elegant, with a hint of spice from the oak ageing, linear citrus, fresh almonds, grapefruit and lemon posset

FOOD MATCH The lovely fresh acidity of this wine means it would be divine with seafood carpaccio, oysters, or a halloumi and citrus salad with honey and chilli dressing.

WINEMAKING

Wiston Estate's 2020 Cuvée is our first vintage release from this memorable year. The world descended into lockdown due to the Covid pandemic, and the UK experienced a near perfect spring – with plenty of sunshine and warm temperatures in April and May. The favourable conditions in Findon Park Vineyard, where the grapes for this wine come from, meant that we avoided spring frosts which hit many other areas of the UK and northern Europe. Weather was for flowering in June, and a warm and pleasant summer followed – allowing the grapes to reach a potential alcohol of 13% and a pH of over 3.3. The lack of disease thanks to the favourable conditions allowed us to leave the fruit hanging on the vines for as long as possible to reach the perfect level of ripeness. The grapes were hand picked in mid October, and the varieties pressed separately in our coquard basket press – ideal for styles like this, allowing each variety to show boldly. The Pinot Noir, Meunier and Chardonnay were then fermented separately in aged French oak barrels. They were rested on lees until spring, then blended and fermented again in-bottle for a cool, slow three years. The first bottles were riddled and disgorged in 2024, and like all our wines, aged on cork to finish.

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 Richard and Kirsty Goring. Richard's mother Pip, grew up in South Africa's winelands and it was her long-held conviction that the estate had the potential to grow high quality grapes, largely due 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.