



WISTON ESTATE ROSÉ 2018

Our first release from the spectacular 2018 vintage

VINTAGE. 2018

BOTTLING. 2019

BLEND. 80% Pinot Noir, 20% Pinot Meunier

DOSAGE. 8.0 g/L

ABV. 12%

TASTING NOTE Deep orangy pink in colour. Red fruits on the nose, cherries, blood orange and hints of wild roses and clove spice. Very typical of the fruit forward 2018 vintage. Rose petal on the pallet with a refreshing acidity, an abundance of red fruits and a hint of brioche, vanilla and marzipan.

FOOD MATCH Roasted duck breast, cherry and chicory salad, BBQ monkfish, chorizo and shellfish bisque

WINEMAKING

The 2018 harvest 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 press to preserve delicate fruit flavours and aromas. The juice was fermented in old French barrels and stored for nine months before bottling. The wine was then aged for four to five years on lees, before ageing on cork.

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.