



**About Wiston Estate** Wiston 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 involved in 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, thanks to the area's similarities of soil and climate to Champagne. The 16-acre vineyard, planted in 2006, was the fruit of Pip's dream and tenacity. Wiston Estate is a family venture, small in scale, impressive in aspiration and unrelenting in pursuit of quality. 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. The vineyard is run according to a strict philosophy of sustainability; the winery uses solar panels as a source of renewable energy, and the vineyard team use a Boisselet cultivator to manage root and weed growth, by returning them gently to the soil, rather than resorting to 'quick fix' chemical herbicides and synthetic fertilisers. Wiston Estate is a member of Sustainable WineGB.

## WISTON ESTATE ROSE 2018

**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 were gently pressed in the Coquard 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 3.5 years on lees. A young release by Wiston standards, but the poise and balance of the 2018 harvest is already shining through.

### Technical Information

ABV 12% - Dosage 8g/l— 80% Pinot Noir, 20% Pinot Meunier,

Suitable for Vegans and Vegetarians

**Tasting note** Deep orangy pink in colour. Red fruits on the nose, cherries, blood orange and hints of wild roses. 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 and vanilla.

