

# Balfour Brut Rosé 2018



Balfour Brut Rosé is one of England's most recognisable wines, our flagship, and for six years the only wine made by Balfour. It is a single-vineyard wine from our Oast House Meadow vineyard, planted in 2002 with clones and rootstocks specifically chosen to make a world-class sparkling rosé. From vines on Wealden Clay, the grapes are full of richness and intense flavour. To maximise this character, the grapes are often the last to be picked on Hush Heath Estate, and to emphasise the purity of the fruit the wine never undergoes malolactic fermentation. It is a wine of intense concentration that embraces precision and fresh English acidity.

## THE WINE

**Varieties:** 41% Pinot Noir, 30% Pinot Meunier, 27% Chardonnay.  
**Alcohol:** 12%  
**Dosage:** 5.6g/L  
**pH:** 2.92  
**Titratable Acidity:** 9.0g/L

## TERROIR

**Region:** Weald, Kent, Southeast England

**Vineyard:** Oast House Meadow, Hush Heath Estate

**Soil Type:** Wealden clay over Tunbridge Wells sand

## TASTING NOTES

**Appearance:** Burnished copper  
**Nose:** A clean, lean nose with hints of cranberry, sloe with an underlying orange citrus note.  
**Palate:** More cranberry than strawberry, this is classic Balfour; dry, precise and powerful. Richer than some of its predecessors, the 2018 reflects one of the best years in English viticultural history. A complex wine that is more than just primary fruit, there are notes of burnt orange combined with a wonderful herbaceous note on the finish.  
**Winemaker's Food Pairing:** Chorizo, canapés and lobster.