



CRADLE VALLEY PINOT NOIR 2018

RELEASE DATE. November 2019

BLEND. 98% Pinot Noir, 2% Pinot Noir Précoce

FERMENTATION. Inoculated with commercial yeast, fermented in stainless steel tanks, aged in French oak for 10 months

PH. 3.7

TA. 4.8g/l

MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION. 100%

FINING AGENT. Isinglass

ABV. 11.5%

TASTING NOTE. Produced from a small parcel of Dijon clones of Pinot Noir, this wine is a true reflection of the wonderful summer of 2018. With heady notes of raspberry, red cherry and wild strawberries, this Pinot Noir has silky smooth tannins and a light, peppery palate with layers of red fruits.

FOOD MATCH. Cradle Valley Pinot Noir 2018 is a great wine to pair with lamb, chicken or venison.

VINTAGE. 2018 was an exceptional year for wine-making in the UK, the long hot summer produced grapes of incredible ripeness.

ABOUT RATHFINNY

Rathfinny Estate in East Sussex was founded in 2010 by husband and wife, Mark and Sarah Driver. Once a working arable farm, the first vines were planted in 2012 and today Rathfinny comprises over 200 acres of Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Pinot Meunier, Pinot Blanc and Pinot Gris.

Rathfinny Estate is located in the South Downs National Park, an area of outstanding natural beauty in Southern England. It occupies the main part of Cradle Valley, on a south-facing slope close to the iconic Cuckmere Valley, just three miles from the sea and the famous Seven Sisters cliffs, about a half a mile south of Alfriston village.

As well as being a stunning site, the Rathfinny vineyard is perfect for growing sparkling wine grapes: The light, thin, clay loam soils over chalk are free draining and very similar to the Champagne region of France. The chalk provides a ready source of water for the vines during the drier summer months. The warm semi-continental climate and long summer days ensure perfect ripening, and the proximity to the sea helps mitigate frost risk, a major problem in cooler climate vineyards in northern Europe.

