



## CRADLE VALLEY PINOT GRIS 2020

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**RELEASE DATE.** April 2022

**BLEND.** 92% Pinot Gris, 6% Pinot Noir, 2% Chardonnay

**FERMENTATION.** Inoculated with commercial yeast, fermented in stainless steel tanks

**PH.** 3.08

**TA.** 5.7g/l

**MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION.** 100%

**FINING AGENT.** Yeast hulls

**ABV.** 12.5%

**TASTING NOTE.** Lustrous yellow to the eye with an opulent nose of apricot stone and lemon blossom, a voluptuous palate of yellow plum and rosewater, with a prolonged nectarine finish.

**FOOD MATCH.** A beautiful accompaniment to the fragrant flavours of Thai fish cakes or the richness of butter-fried scallops.

**VINTAGE.** In 2020 a dry spring, followed by beautiful late summer weather, produced a low-yielding harvest of perfect ripeness.

*Suitable for vegans.*

## ABOUT RATHFINNY

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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 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.

