



CRADLE VALLEY PINOT NOIR PRÉCOCE 2022

Our Cradle Valley range expresses the character of our family Estate in Sussex, made with methods that are kind to our land, people, community and wider environment.

RELEASE DATE. September 2023

BLEND. 94% Pinot Noir Précoce, 6% Pinot Noir

WINEMAKING. Inoculated with commercial yeast, fermented in stainless steel and matured in French oak for 8 months

PH. 3.50

TA. 5g/l

MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION. 100%

ABV. 10.5%

TASTING NOTE. A beautifully aromatic, bright, ripe raspberry and cherry nose gives way to a palate of cranberries, with silky smooth tannins and a slight spicy, peppery finish.

FOOD MATCH. An ideal pairing with lamb, chicken or venison.

VINTAGE. A very warm and dry summer, punctuated by timely rainfall, produced a harvest of great concentration and elegance.

Suitable for vegans.

ABOUT RATHFINNY

Rathfinny is a family-owned Wine Estate with B Corp status in East Sussex, established in 2010 by Mark and Sarah Driver. Once a working arable farm, the first vines were planted in 2010 and today Rathfinny comprises over 200 acres of predominantly Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Pinot Meunier.

Rathfinny Wine 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 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.

