



RATHFINNY WINE ESTATE BLANC DE BLANCS 2014

Rathfinny Wine Estate Blanc de Blancs 2014 is the first vintage of our sparkling wine, produced from Chardonnay grapes.

RELEASE DATE. June 2018

BLEND. 100% Chardonnay

LEES AGEING. 36 Months

FERMENTATION. Inoculated with commercial yeast, fermented in stainless steel tanks at 16°C

PH. 3.05

TA. 12g/l

DOSAGE. 4g/l

MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION. 100%

ABV. 12.5%

FINING AGENT. Isinglass, Bentonite

VEGETARIAN / VEGAN. No

TASTING NOTE. Rathfinny Blanc de Blancs 2014 delivers creamy apricot and acacia notes on the nose, nuances of yuzu and lemon meringue on the palate, and a rich, apple-strudel finish.

FOOD MATCH. Sensational with delicate seafood flavours such as crab meat and tuna tartare, but can also match up to the more pronounced notes of smoked eel and the richer texture of a home-made fish pie.

VINTAGE. In 2014, we experienced a moderately warm and dry growing season with little rain during flowering (June) and veraison (September). Harvest began on 19th October and we had a small crop of high quality fruit.

ABOUT RATHFINNY

Rathfinny Wine 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 185 acres of predominantly Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Pinot Meunier, with a further 215 acres to be planted by 2021.

Located on a perfect, south-facing slope in the South Downs National Park just three miles from the sea, Rathfinny enjoys a climate, chalk soil and aspect that are perfect for producing world-class sparkling wine. Its RIBA-nominated winery is the largest and greenest purpose-built winery in the UK, self-sufficient in both energy and water.

With renowned winemaker Jonathan Médard from Épernay, and Cameron Roucher from New Zealand managing the Estate, Rathfinny looks set to achieve quality levels that will see their Sussex Sparkling wines winning awards the world over.

Rathfinny's first sparkling wines, a Blanc de Blancs and a Rosé, released in June 2018, are targeted at premium On-Trade and Independent Off-Trade accounts. A plan for international export will see Rathfinny selling up to 50 per cent of its production to key overseas markets within Europe, Asia and North America immediately upon release.

