



## RATHFINNY WINE ESTATE BLANC DE BLANCS 2019

Rathfinny Blanc de Blancs 2019 is our elegant Sussex Sparkling, made from 100% Chardonnay grapes, grown and hand-harvested on the Rathfinny Wine Estate.

**RELEASE DATE.** December 2023

**BLEND.** 100% Chardonnay

**TIME IN BOTTLE.** Minimum 36 months

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

**PH.** 3.09

**TA.** 6.9g/L

**DOSAGE.** 3g/L

**MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION.** 100%

**FINING AGENT.** Yeast Protein (Fyneo)

**VEGAN.** Yes

**ABV.** 12%

**TASTING NOTE.** Luminescent gold in colour, with a delicate nose of ripe, almost tropical fruit, yielding a complex palate of apricot and creamy citrus fruits with a delicious long, elegant yuzu finish.

**FOOD MATCH.** The perfect match with fish and seafood dishes such as turbot with samphire, crab risotto or seabass sashimi.

**VINTAGE.** The 2019 growing season got off to an early start and despite the ever-present risk of late spring frost, we were hopeful for a repeat of 2018. We experienced record breaking temperatures during late July and a very warm August, but a wet end to September and October. The fruit survived and produced some lovely wines, despite the soggy picking conditions.

## 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 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.

