



BRIDE VALLEY

FINE ENGLISH WINE

2014 Rosé



PRODUCER

Steven Spurrier and his wife Arabella are behind Bride Valley, located in West Dorset. Steven, while running Les Caves de la Madeleine and L'Academie du Vin in Paris in the 1980s, had soil (chalky) samples from Arabella's 80 hectare estate tested and the results came back: "very similar to Champagne". This is not surprising because the village of Kimmeridge is just 24 miles as the crow flies from Bride Valley. After two decades and three visits from Boisset's sparkling wine expert, Georges Legrand, vines were planted on the best sites in the bowl of the amphitheatre-like estate. Three hectares were planted in 2009, rising to a total of 10 hectares in 2013 when planting was completed

VINEYARD

Specific clones were selected on the advice of Pierre-Marie Guillaume, the owner of France's top nursery in Charcenne (east of Dijon). After intense analysis, seven Chardonnay clones (55% of the plantings), four Pinot Noir clones (25%) and two Pinot Meunier clones (20%) were selected. The vines are planted on south and south west facing slopes. In addition, 1000 elder trees were planted to act as a natural windbreak to the breezes coming from the Jurassic Coast, four miles to the south. Bride Valley has been sustainably farmed for centuries and although the grapes are not certified organic, the vineyard continues to follow organic principles.

VINTAGE

2014 was a wonderful year for English Sparkling Wine. Spring arrived exactly on time and was the second warmest in 100 years. This resulted in an early and even bud break. Throughout June and July, conditions were warm and sunny which was ideal for flowering and fruit set. August was cooler and wet, but September and October were dry and temperatures climbed again. This long, warm Autumn gave us near perfect conditions to ripen the grapes, resulting in excellent sugar and acidity – and creating the perfect fruit for a vibrant and deeply satisfying vintage.

TASTING NOTES

The striking and vibrant colour is enhanced by a lively mousse that introduces a bouquet bursting with light red summer berries, especially wild strawberries. This is a wine of real character and depth, and the wonderful ripeness on the palate is complemented with a clear, dry finish thanks to the low dosage that perfectly displays the strength of the vintage. Ideal as an aperitif or with fruit desserts.

VINTAGE:
2014

ALCOHOL:
11.5%

REGION:
SOUTHERN ENGLAND

VARIETALS:
58% PINOT NOIR
25% CHARDONNAY
17% PINOT MEUNIER