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ALL ANGELS, CLASSIC CUVÉE, ENBORNE, WEST BERKSHIRE, ENGLAND, 2014



Producer Profile

The rural backwaters of Berkshire aren't the first place you'd expect to find a vineyard, yet it's here that new kid on the English wine scene, Mark Darley and his family have chosen to plant 3 hectares of classic sparkling varieties as well as Pinot Gris.

Enborne Vineyards, located in the village of the same name, was planted with the intention of producing exceptional English sparkling wine, set apart due to their distinctive terroir and a serendipitous collaboration with respected winemaker, Emma Rice from Hattingley Valley. Planted in 2010 (after the land was almost set aside as an Alpaca farm!), the vision began to take shape. The inspiration for All Angels coming from the local 12th century parish church of St Michael & All Angels. The inaugural 2014 vintage has already started to make some noise, and there's no doubt that this is a producer to follow.

Viticulture

In 2010 a tentative approach was made to Vine Works. The survey of the land came as a pleasant surprise: great land and soil, great altitude and a perfect south facing slope. So work began. The vines were chosen to be blended for the finest English sparkling wine. Rondo - an early crop, core to the production of sparkling Rosé - Pinot Gris and those classic sparkling wine grapes: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier. The first vineyard to be planted was 2.6 hectares and was followed a few years later by a smaller, 0.5 hectare parcel.

Tasting Note

Light straw gold in colour, beautifully textured, dry, fresh citrus flavoured, with consistent, long lasting bubbles.

Food Matching

If you want to be very british then pair with traditional fish and chips but this works with smoked, oily fish like salmon or trout, as well as crab or lobster salad.

Awards

The Drinks Business Global Sparkling Wine Masters 2020

Although bottled under the Enborne Vineyards brand called All Angels, this English sparkling wine is made by respected winemaker Emma Rice at Hattingley Valley- which has a state of the art facility in Hampshire. The grapes however comes from a family-owned vineyard at Church Farm in Enborne, West Berkshire, that was planted in 2010. Gaining a Gold medal, this fizz from the 2014 vintage, dominated by Chardonnay, is delicious and typically English in style. By that I mean it has masses of zesty citrus acidity, along with freshly-sliced apple flavour, along with a complementary note of toasted brown bread. Gold Medal, 2020.

Technical Details

Varieties:

Chardonnay 50%
Pinot Noir 28%
Others 22%

ABV: 12%

Closure: Natural cork

Colour: White

Style: Other sparkling wine

Case Size: 6 x 75cl

Oak Treatment

No oak treatment