



Digby Fine English

BRUT

Brut - England



VEGAN

Stats

Grapes: 50% Pinot Noir - 35%

Chardonnay - 15% Pinot Meunier

Vineyard: Four sites throughout the North & South Downs: Primarily Dorset & Kent with supporting sites in Sussex & Hampshire

Vine Age: Varied: Average 12-years-old

Soil Type: Varied: Predominantly chalk & clay with a smattering of greensand

Viticulture: Sustainable & conventional

Fermentation: Inoculated – 95% stainless-steel & 5% second use French barrique

Skin Contact: None

Aging: Primary: 9 months in stainless-steel (95%) & second passage French barrique (5%) Secondary: 38 months in bottle

Residual Sugar: 10 g/L

pH: 3.2

Total Acidity: 8.4 g/L

Total Production: 2,500 cases

About

This has quickly become one of the most lauded sparkling wines from England since launching in the summer of 2016. This fizz is in its element at home on a Tuesday evening or a party celebrating one of life's big moments. This was conceived as a 'little brother' for the flagship Reserve Vintage. Founded upon some of the house's most expressive Pinot Noir base wines, the Digby Brut NV gains a vitality and mellow richness from the addition of more mature Chardonnay reserve wines. The blend is balanced with a generous dash of Pinot Meunier to bring a bright and cheerful tone.

An assemblage of chalky and sandstone sites make up this very 'English' bottling. Stainless steel is the primary fermentation and aging vessel here promoting vibrancy, though 5% of the final blend spent nine months in neutral French barrique. Malolactic fermentation is now fully carried out whereas the earlier bottlings it was blocked. The current vintage wine is then blended with 25% of older wine that has been aging in tank.

Tasting Note

Pale gold. This wine is toasty, spicy and shows complex aromas of Rainier cherries and lemon verbena. The palate supports the complex aromas with the addition of a honeyed almond and not quite baked apple pie flavors. Very fine and elegant with an incredible amount of finesse and charm.

Reviews

Decanter | 97 points

Wine Enthusiast | 90 points