

Digby Fine English

'LEANDER PINK'

Brut Rosé | Dorset & Kent - England



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 13-years-old

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

Viticulture: Sustainable & conventional

Fermentation: Inoculated - 94% stainless-steel & 6% second use French barrique

Skin Contact: 5 days for the Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier components

Aging: Primary: 9 months in stainless-steel (94%) & second passage French barrique (6%) Secondary: 38 months in bottle

Alcohol: 12%

Residual Sugar: 12 g/L

pH: 3.3

Total Acidity: 9.5 g/L

Total SO2: 41 ppm

Total Production: 3,333 cases

UPC: 5060463800062

About

2016 saw the addition of a new wine to Digby's range in the form of Leander Pink. This non-vintage rosé was developed in collaboration with the Leander Club, the world's oldest open rowing club, which has nurtured some of Great Britain's finest talent. Bearing the club's distinctive pink hue and hippo motif, Leander Pink offers an energetic, elegant but more laid back interpretation of the Digby house style. A proportion of sales from each bottle goes to support the Leander Academy, helping to produce the next generation of champions. The current release is an 80/20 blend of 2017 base wine and reserve wines. It was disgorged in October 2023.

The grapes were hand-harvested from vineyards primarily in Dorset and Kent starting the second week of October. The bunches were whole-bunch pressed primarily to stainless-steel, though 6% of the final blend was fermented and aged in neutral French barriques. The rosé color is achieved through judicious blending of white and red components. Malolactic fermentation is now fully carried out whereas the earlier bottlings it was blocked. The current vintage wine is then blended with 20% of older wine that has been aging in tank.

Tasting Note

Medium-bodied and quite incisive but still elegant with just the right amount of flesh. Ripe citrus and strawberry flavors linger nicely on the slightly spicy finish. There is a lot of energy to this wine!

Reviews

