# BALFOUR

*Kent - England*

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## Background

Balfour is a renowned English sparkling wine house founded by Richard and Leslie Balfour-Lynn, located on the historic Hush Heath Estate in Kent, where a Tudor mansion dating back to 1503 still stands. Inspired by their favorite pink Champagne, Billecart-Salmon Rosé, the Balfour-Lynns planted their first vineyards in 2002, aiming to create England's best sparkling rosé. Their efforts paid off when Balfour Brut Rosé, launched in 2004, won a gold medal at the International Wine Challenge—the first English wine to achieve this trophy. It also became the first English sparkling wine served in British Airways First Class and at the London 2012 Olympics. The estate's 40 acres of vineyards are dedicated to Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier, and Chardonnay, benefiting from the unique Wealden clay soil of Kent, the warmest and driest county in England. Led by winemaker Owen Elias and his son Fergus, Balfour Wines are known for their clean, fresh style, with brilliant clarity and balanced, elegant flavors, establishing Balfour as a leader in English sparkling wines.

## Highlights

**1** Balfour is a sparkling wine house in Kent known for its sparkling rosé production.

**2** Over half of their 40 acres are located on the Wealden clay soils of their Hush Heath Estate; the rest come from leased vineyards in Kent grown on greensand.

**3** The '1503' range is great for introducing people to English sparkling wine at an affordable price.

## Wines



### '1503' Range  SRP $46

The Classic Cuvée (brut) and Rosé (extra-dry) are made in a drinkable apéritif style and are perfect for introducing people to the category of English sparkling wine. Both come from estate vineyards.

### Vintage Rosé  SRP $70

The flagship Brut Rosé has helped put this producer firmly on the English wine map. It's a single block wine from the Hush Heath estate vineyards, and tends to feature Pinot Noir as the main variety.



## Ethos

VEGAN

## Packaging

Experimental — Traditional

## Press

“ A delicious drop from one of Kent's finest sparkling producers.

**95 points**
WINE ENTHUSIAST
'1503' Rosé NV