



HARROW & HOPE

Buckinghamshire - England

Background

Henry & Kaye Laithwaite of Harrow & Hope make single-vineyard, grower sparkling wine at their estate in Marlow, England. They stand out from the other English sparkling producers in our book because of their location and much smaller size. Marlow is in Buckinghamshire, a county within the Thames Valley, about an hour northwest of London. There are very few wineries up there; most are located down in Sussex, Kent, or Surrey. Harrow & Hope will hit the nail on the head for curious sparkling wine buffs, particularly in the context of Champagne's ever-decreasing affordability. English sparkling wine is already in a very niche category of its own; add a small grower from the virtually unknown region of Buckinghamshire into the mix, and now you have something really special. Eric Asimov underscores what distinguishes Harrow & Hope from the rest. This "do-it-yourself, small-production setup," he writes, "is as different from the big English names as Champagne's grower-producers are from the big houses."



Highlights

- 1 Harrow & Hope makes single-vineyard, grower sparkling wine in an uncommon wine region: Buckinghamshire, England.
- 2 The wines are made with the classic three varieties & are planted on flint rock and clay soils overlying chalk in the Thames Valley.
- 3 Grower English sparkling wine is a niche within a niche; it will delight curious wine buffs.

Wines



'Reserve' Brut SRP \$65

Now in its 7th edition, this is their signature blend made with the three classic grapes. It epitomizes English sparkling wine with soul.



Brut Rosé SRP \$70

The goal here was to create a sparkling rosé that balances complexity and approachability. A cranberry sweetness is matched impeccably by that zingy acidity typical of English wine.

Ethos



Seeing as the soil is our greatest asset, I make sure we look after it. Organic nutrition and not using herbicides is an absolute must for me.

- Henry Laithwaite

Packaging



Experimental

Traditional

Press



A superbly fresh, grown-up and balanced wine.

93 points

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'Reserve' Brut NV