

Digby Fine English

'LEANDER PINK'

Brut Rosé | Dorset & Kent - 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: 5 days for the Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier components
Aging: Primary: 9 months in stainless-steel (95%) & second passage French barrique (5%) Secondary: 38 months in bottle
Alcohol: 12.3%
Residual Sugar: 12 g/L
pH: 3.08
Total Acidity: 9.4 g/L
Total Production: 2,500 cases
UPC: 5060463800062

Reviews

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 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 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 5% 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 25% of older wine that has been aging in tank. The wine was bottled with a coarse filtration and without fining and they hit with the liqueur de tirage spending a little over three years on lees aging and gaining complexity.

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!

