



RIDGEVIEW
ENGLAND

BLANC DE BLANCS 2018 LIMITED RELEASE

A uniquely lively, fresh and elegant sparkling wine.

GRAPE VARIETIES
100% Chardonnay

VINEYARD

100% Single-Vineyard Chardonnay planted in 1995, 28 years ago, at our iconic home vineyard. Ridgeview Wine Estate is based on clay loam soils, placed on a low ridge of Paludina limestone. Sloping southwards towards the South Downs Ridge and just eight miles from the sea, we enjoy a cool maritime climate, where the high hills to the south keep the micro-climate comparatively dry and warm during the growing season.

VINTAGE REPORT

After an icy start, 2018 became a vintage for the ages. Winter was prolonged by snow storms and freezing temperatures (recording -120C on the 28th February), delaying budburst until 23rd April. From here, the growing season was immaculate. The sun shone long and hot to mid-August, which brought nourishing rains, before the heatwave returned through to harvest. Beginning 24th September, this saw huge yields of ripe, healthy fruit brought into the winery.

WINEMAKING

The best parcels of our single-estate Chardonnay were selected by our Head Winemaker and handpicked. The grapes were gently pressed in whole bunches before fermentation at 18°C - 20°C in stainless steel tanks using specialist sparkling wine yeasts. A selection of base wines went through malolactic conversion, before secondary bottle fermentation in our naturally regulated underground cellars and 46 months lees ageing.

ANALYSIS

ALCOHOL: 12% | ACIDITY: 6.8g/L
RESIDUAL SUGAR: 5.8g/L | PH: 2.90

TASTING NOTE

An elegant pale gold in colour, bright citrus blossom aromas are highlighted by white grapefruit, lemon sherbet and a mellow whisper of buttery pastry. Layers of ripe greengage and soft peach unfold to shortbread biscuit notes on the rich, creamy back palate. A luxuriously fine mousse is met with a streak of tantalising acidity, creating a complexity that lingers long on the finish.

PAIRINGS

A mouthwatering aperitif wine and a decadent match for fish and chips on the beach or poached lobster.

Oysters – Scallops with Lemon Butter – Fritto Misto

All Ridgeview wines are suitable for vegans and vegetarians.
Contains Sulphites

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