ENGLISH QUALITY

CASTLE BROOK

Classic Cuvée 2015

Vintage Report

2015 was a year of contrasts with a mild and wet start, followed by a dry and cool spring (but we avoided the frosts!), a rather dull summer, but finished off with a lovely September & October, perfect for ripening grapes!

It was a good year for the vineyard with strong yields, and very good quality and balance in the juice. This Classic Cuvée blend has been the our best selling wine since its first release in 2010.

Tasting Notes

Deliciously delicate, crisp palate with a hint of lemon blossom. Brioche and toasty yeast notes add complexity to the finish.

'Simply gorgeous: light, effervescent, floral, grassy. Summer in a glass.' – The Independent

About Us, the Vineyard & Winemaking









GRAPE VARIETIES Chardonnay, Pinot Noir & Pinot Meunier

SOIL Ross sandstone free draining and full of minerals.

LOCATION Coughton valley near Ross-on-Wye, 51.5° Latitude

ALTITUDE Between 50-100m

Castle Brook is 2Ha of the classic champagne grapes, established by the Chinn family on the site of an ancient Roman vine yard, with the aim to produce the finest sparking wine.

The vine yard lies on a steep south facing slope in the Wye Valley, Herefordshire. With plenty of warm westerly air but in the rain shadow of the Black Mountains, the area is renowned for its fruit and vegetable production.

Our grapes are hand harvested and gently crushed, using only the best juice and malolactic fermentation. The wine is then bottled in the traditional method developed by Christopher Merrett in 17th Century England. The wine has been given a generous four plus years of resting on its lees in secondary fermentation, before disgorging and further resting for four plus months.

Analysis

Cepage: 54% Chardonnay 27% Pinot Noir 19% Pinot Meunier Acidity: 8.7 g/l pH: 3.1 Reducing sugar: 8.8 g/l Alcohol: 12% Vol Winemaker: Simon Roberts

