#### **CASTLE BROOK**

- SPARKLING WINE -

## Sparkling Rosé 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 is the 3rd vintage of our Rosé blend which has become a firm summer favorite with a fruitier palate palate from the red grapes.

#### Tasting Notes

Lovely pale salmon-pink hue and fine bubbles on the tongue. Mouth-wateringly fresh, yet softened by the seductive flavor of summer berries.

# About Us, the Vineyard & Winemaking









GRAPE VARIETIES

Chardonnay,
Pinot Noir & Pinot Meunier

Ross sandstone free draining and full of minerals. LOCATION

Coughton valley near
Ross-on-Wve, 51.5° Latitude

Between

Castle Brook is 2Ha of the classic champagne grapes, established by the Chinn family on the site of an ancient Roman vineyard, 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: 14% Chardonnay 62% Pinot Noir 24% Pinot Meunier Acidity: 8.2 g/l pH: 3.2 Reducing sugar: 9.3 g/l

Alcohol: 12% Vol Winemaker: Simon Roberts

