

Simpsons Estate – Tech Sheet Text

Producer Profile:

Over the past seventeen years, owners Charles & Ruth Simpson have been making award-winning wines at their stunning Domaine Sainte Rose property in the south of France. Combining Old World terroir with New World techniques in the vineyard and winery, they produce an eclectic range of internationally acclaimed, award-winning wines.

In 2014, with an aspiration to create the finest quality Traditional Method English Sparkling Wine, they brought their expertise and savoir-faire back to the UK, establishing Simpsons Wine Estate in Barham, Kent, where there are now 30 hectares of Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier vineyards. Anchored in the typically iconic free-draining, chalky soils so revered in the world of sparkling wine, the Simpsons vines also occupy glorious positions on the sunny, wind-sheltered slopes of the North Downs where ancient woodlands protect them from the whimsy of England's climate.

In preparation for their first harvest, a state-of-the-art winery was built at the estate in 2016 with a modern tasting room added the following year.

From 2018, the Simpson's estate also began to produce a range of still wines from Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier. Crucially, these are grown from Burgundian clones specifically intended for still wine vinification, thus imparting a ripeness and complexity often lacking in the cuvées of other English wineries that use fruit more suited to sparkling wine.