

TWENTY EIGHTEEN  
BLANC DE NOIRS  
MAGNUM



Golden in colour, with fine beads of bubbles in the glass. The wine shows lots of rich, ripe fruit on the nose, with red apple, peach and wild strawberry, alongside subtle floral and spice notes. On the palate, the wine is generous and elegant, with notes of red cherry, raspberry and darker notes of blueberry. Floral hints of rose and jasmine are punctuated by sweet spice, toasted nuts, buttery pastry and a smoky, toasted note, bringing layers of complexity leading to a long and intense finish.

**Food pairing:** This works well with richer fish or meat dishes, especially monkfish with curried mussel sauce, smoked duck breast or roasted spiced cauliflower.

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## VINTAGE REPORT

Good levels of winter rainfall left the soil in optimum condition for the upcoming season. Bud burst in mid-April was followed by a period of abundant warmth and early flowering in June. In early August the fruit was thinned, and 50% dropped, to intensify flavour and concentration as well as ensure optimum quality. Warmth and sunshine from June to September meant the fruit was of an outstanding quality and picked at the perfect time.

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### VINEYARDS

#### Location

Our own Gusbourne Heartbreak vineyard on a South facing ancient escarpment in Appledore, Kent.

#### Soils

Largely clay, with subsoils including sand and seashells in Kent.

#### Microclimate

Warm and dry, with moderating coastal breezes due to our close proximity to the English Channel.

#### Pruning Method

Double guyot

#### Harvest Period

October

#### Harvest Method

Hand picked

### WINEMAKING

#### Processing

Whole bunch pressed and naturally settled for 24-36 hours.

#### Fermentation

10 days at 18-20 degrees celsius using specialist sparkling wine yeast. Fermented in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks.

#### Bottling Date

May 2019

#### Lees Ageing

Minimum 59 months

### ANALYSIS

#### Grape Variety

100% Pinot Noir

#### Alcohol

12%

#### Titrateable Acidity

9.8 g/l

#### Residual Sugar

12 g/l

#### pH

2.81