



BALFOUR

HUSH HEATH ESTATE

KENT-ENGLAND



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"I was inspired to make this wine after tasting a sparkling base wine using six champagne grape varieties we made in 2014. The wine had fantastic complexity, and although we made a sparkling from it, I saw real potential as a still wine. It wasn't until the exceptional 2018 harvest and the unearthing of a small parcel of Pinot Gris (the only champagne variety not grown at Hush Heath) lead to the dawn of This Septered Isle".

THE SEPT VARIETIES

Chardonnay 36.72%, Pinot Blanc 15.31%, Petit Meslier 12.97%, Pinot Gris 12.81%, Pinot Noir 10.38%, Arbanne 6.85%, Pinot Meunier 4.96%

TECHNICAL STATS

Alc. 11.93%. **Ta.** 8.0g/L.

RS. Cool Maritime. **pH.** 3.11

Soil Type. Wealden clay over Tunbridge Wells sand.

Trellis. Double Guyot 3300 vines/ha

VINTAGE

2018 is already being described as the vintage of a generation for English Wine. With exceptional growing conditions throughout the season. This unprecedented weather lead to grapes of exceptional quality.

WINEMAKING

Hand picked when the grapes reached optimum maturity. This Septered Isle is a result of sequential inoculations using three different yeasts. Fermentation was kept carried out at 14 degrees C. The wine was kept on lees for 6 months with in tank battonage carried out periodically.

Spontaneous Malolactic Fermentation took place in February 2019. Bottled in mid April 2019 under a DIAM 5 technical cork.

Winemaker. Fergus Elias

TASTING NOTES

Appearance.

Intense white gold with green highlights.

Nose.

Custard apple with hints of citrus and cream.

Palate. Unctuous with a well-balanced acidity, citrus fruit abounds balanced out by a rich and developed finish.

Ageing Potential. 5-7 years and beyond!

Food Pairings. Wonderful with white meat and pasta, try with something local and delicious!

This Chard of light

Up spurted here from the Wealden Clay

This Arabane.... This Petit Meslier

These grapes of Reims are grown here

In Kentish Wines not in our beer

This realm, this kent, this garden, this

Blessed Eden

Oh for a beaker filled with this SEPTERED ISLE,

This draught of vintage 18 served cool'd in deep delved earth

Tasting of flora and country green

Dance, Kentish song and sun touched mirth!

Away! Away! on Chariot of Dionysus

Oh sweet ambrosia

That I might drink, and leave this world unseen

And with thee fade...unto the woodland of ancient oaken green