

GATEHOUSE
TASTING NOTES

This is Balfour's most concentrated and powerful Pinot Noir yet and comes from single parcel within a single vineyard, from selected Dijon clones. The wine is beautifully structured, with prolonged ageing in new oak and is un-fined and un-filtered. The result is an extraordinary Pinot Noir that will surprise many.

Each Winemakers' Collection from Balfour Winery is the epitome of father and son team Owen and Fergus Elias' small batch winemaking philosophy; identifying small parcels of high quality fruit to create unique wines with distinct personalities.

The 2022 Collection consists of a trio of still wines – a red, a white and a rosé – and explores how the skilful use of oak can create English still wines with texture, weight, and finesse.

The labels for the 2022 Winemakers' Collection show the Hush Heath Manor gate house and are designed by British artist Henry Hudson.



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TECHNICAL INFO

Vintage

2020.

Oak

16 months in 4 oak barrels (combination of French and American).

Grape variety

Pinot Noir (Burgundy clones 828, 459, 777).

Vineyard

Springfield on Hush Heath Estate. Double guyot.

ABV

13%

Ageing

3-5 years or more.

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Appearance

Dark and brooding black cherry red Pinot Noir from the excellent 2020 vintage.

Nose

Dark and concentrated flavours of black cherry, damson and dried spice.

Palate

Refined and robust with ripe and supple tannins.

Serving suggestion

Stand upright and decant before serving.

Winemakers' food pairing

Perfect with wild duck, pheasant and roast monkfish.

THE ARTIST



Henry Hudson (1982) is a British artist who works across painting, sculpture, ceramics, installation and print-making. His unique style is expressed through the exploration of various techniques and materials, including plasticine, scagliola, oil painting, 3D printing, wax, sand and textiles. Hudson's work extends into the digital realm using the iPad, as in these imaginative labels specially commissioned for the 2022 Balfour Winemakers' Collection.