

MARY ROSE TASTING NOTES

Owen has long wanted to explore the potential for English still rosés, when the wine is given time to develop. The result is Mary Rose, a wine influenced by different techniques from around the world. English Pinot Noir is fermented with a yeast from Rioja and then aged in barriques from France and America. To ensure the wine remained in perfect condition, it was aged in ebony glass. This is an incredible layered and textured rosé.

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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

4 months in 3 new oak barrels
(two French and one American).

Grape variety

Pinot Noir.

Vineyard

Old Bramley on Hush Heath Estate.
High density single guyot.

ABV

11.94%

Ageing

3-5 years or more.

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Appearance

Purest intense rose gold.

Nose

Strawberry jam or compôte.

Palate

Concentrated velvet mulberry
and raspberry with balsamic hints.
A rich glycerol mouth feel and
endless finish, this is the Queen
of the Weald.

Serving suggestion

Serve very lightly chilled 10-12°C
– this is a wine to be savoured.

Winemakers' food pairing

This is a fantastic match with
cheese. Try it with Stinking Bishop
and Tunworth.

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.