

South Ridge Cuvée Merret Brut 2013

Sussex • United Kingdom



Celebrate in style with this superb bubbly from an English estate that won the International Wine and Spirit Competition's 'World Wide Trophy for Best Sparkling Wine'. Even Her Majesty popped open a few bottles at her 80th birthday bash in London!

*Surely one of the best English sparkling wines –
lightly toasty and with good depth*

Online Review for 2012

Mike Roberts founded Ridgeview Estate in 1994 with the aim of creating world class sparkling wines on the South Downs. He chose the site because its soil is the exact same chalk/clay mix as is found in Champagne, and the climate is similar too - perfectly suited to Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. Such has been his success that several big Champagne houses have made overtures to buy the property, but the family is having none of it. They named this wine after an Englishman, Christopher Merret, who discovered the process of making traditional method sparkling wines some decades before the Champenois, presenting his findings to London's Royal Society in 1662! Delicate bubbles, fabulous flavour, this sparkler is delicious on its own or with canapés.



Is this Reims? No, it's the Roberts family's vineyard on the South Downs. And similarities extend to the wines, too

WINEFILE

STYLE	Bone dry
GRAPE	Chardonnay 70%, Pinot Meunier 15%, Pinot Noir 15%
COLOUR	Pale gold with fine bubbles
AROMA	Citrus fruit with a hint of melon and honey
TASTE	Crisp, citrusy, nectarine fruit with toasty, yeasty notes
DRINK BY	End 2016
ALCOHOL	12%