



Matthew Jukes Top choices

We have great pleasure in presenting you with Matthew Jukes' top choices.

We are also pleased to provide you with some of Matthew's thoughts alongside each as published in *Vineyard Magazine* and on www.Matthewjukes.com

2015 Kit's Coty Blanc de Blancs Chapel Down

Matthew says: It strikes me that the entire Kit's Coty range is superb, but what sets this wine apart from the rest is that its balance, harmony and depth of flavour are all spectacular. If you consider the eye-catching packaging and the value for money, which at £40-ish quid looks pretty competitive these days, you have a truly compelling proposition.



2015 Blanc de Noirs, Limited Release Ridgeview

Matthew says: You will not be surprised to hear that this is another wine that aces expectations and delivers more than you could imagine in terms of succulence and luxury on the palate. Ridgeview has always been packed with ambition, and yet there comes a time when you can trust a winery's new releases because their back catalogue is simply impeccable.

From my point of view, this is one of the easiest and most rewarding ways to spend fifty quid while having complete confidence that you and your pals will be in raptures with the results.



NV Rosé Langham

Matthew says: Made using 6% red wine and 15% reserve wine, this is one of the most harmonious and silky rosé wines in the UK.

The overall blend is 46% Pinot Noir, 18% Pinot Meunier and 36% Chardonnay, all taken from the Crawthorne Vineyard, and the base vintage is 2018. There is very much a 2018 juiciness about this wine which brings thrilling harmony and uncommon succulence. There is also a very low dosage here of 3 g/L.



2018 Vintage Brut Rosé Harrow & Hope

Matthew says: This vintage creation from Harrow & Hope is a remarkably strident wine. With a keen edge and a wilder fruit theme than the other pair on this page, this is an artisanal number with enough grip and attitude to work with spicier dishes, serious sushi and even an indulgent goose rilette, and I doubt there is a finer smoked salmon wine in the UK.



NV Rosé

Candover Brook

Matthew says: The fruit for this beautiful wine comes from the Sainsbury family's Preston Farm in Preston Candover, Hampshire. This is one of the most English, stunning, rosés I have tasted, and the super-smooth, incredibly pure fruit is mesmerising. I will forgive the clear glass bottle on this occasion, but they must go green with their next wine! I urge you to track down a bottle and raise a glass to this brave new label as soon as you possibly can – they have cracked the hardest style of sparkling wine in their very first attempt.



NV Sparkling Rosé

Lyme Bay

Matthew says: Made using top quality Pinot Noir fruit from Crouch Valley and Martins Lane, both in Essex, this 100% Pinot Noir sparkler is the darkest, headiest and richest of this trio. I would not hesitate in putting it in the main course arena, with game dishes and even steak. While the colour is a deep crimson, this is not a sparkling red either. What it is, though, is an example of a precise style of sparkling rosé, Lyme Bay's style, and it is different, marked, brave and bold.



2020 Pinot Blanc

Penn Croft

Matthew says: Made at contract winery Itasca, I have no problem declaring that this is the UK's finest Pinot Blanc to date.

The fruit comes from the Missing Gate Vineyard in Essex, where it was hand-picked and whole bunch pressed into third fill Burgundy barrels. I was lucky enough to taste a bottle late last year, and it is as lively and energetic as any white wine you will taste. It is nothing short of stunning, and it is certainly the epitome of brave winemaking.



2020 Solaris

Rowton

Matthew says: There is little mystery to the winemaking given it is stainless steel fermented and neatly dry at 2.5g/L, but its bravery is the reason everyone should track this delightful wine down because it celebrates the Solaris grape and manages to capture all of the traits of this variety perfectly. There is a clean, floral orchard-blossom nose here, which subsides into a lovely, satin-smooth mid-palate and a bright, green apple finish.



2014 Tillington Single Vineyard **Nyetimber**

Matthew says: Like the finest Champagnes, it is impossible to tell from the colour, nose and palate that this wine is already eight years old. It is pale and shimmering. The luminosity and tension here are exquisite, and while the flavour is lean, all-pervasive and mesmerising, it is seemingly weightless. The control throughout is fabulous, and the finish is superbly long and prickly.



2021 Dry English Rosé **Folc**

Matthew says: This new release is every bit as enticing and more. The blend is mind-bendingly complex, using Pinots Noir and Meunier to make up 83% of the mix and Chardonnay a further 7%. But the remaining 10%, a seemingly small corner of the glass but a huge one in the manner in which it completes the picture, includes Pinot Gris, Bacchus, Rondo and Kerner.

I have no doubt that this 10% makes this wine what it is – simply sublime.



2021 Bacchus Dry **Camel Valley**

Matthew says: I have followed this magnificent winery since it opened its doors back in 1989, and I have only ever tasted Camel Valley wines that make me smile. The new 2021 release is sensational. A pinpoint accurate nettle and elderflower theme features a line of citrus electricity down its spine that sparks your taste buds into action and never lets go.



2014 Kin, Vintage Cuvée, **Kinsbrook Vineyard**

Matthew says: This is the debut vintage of a new, Pulborough-based brand that is sure to go places.

With a long 60 months lees ageing, there is an honesty and depth of fruit here that sits behind the open and engaging nose. This is a sophisticated creation for gastro-aesthetes wishing to encourage new talent.



2021 Dancer in Pink Rosé Black Chalk

Matthew says: Made from three Pinots – 45% Noir, 39% Precoco and 16% Gris, the Precoco and Gris were co-fermented while the Noir was left to hang for longer than usual on the vine and then blended with the others before malolactic fermentation. The results are nothing short of mesmerising. Not only is the perfume sensational, bursting with hedgerow fruit and rose petals, and the palate is gossamer-smooth, but the finish is also equally thrilling. Bone dry, crisp and palate scouring, this epic ending allows the fruit to billow and impress.



2021 Charmat Rosé Flint Vineyard

Matthew says: There is no doubt that Pinot leads the charge on the nose and palate in this spectacular, recently-released sparkler. Still, it is a genuine surprise to discover that the recipe is 25% Pinot Noir, 20% Rondo, 15% Solaris, 15% Reichensteiner, 15% Bacchus and 10% Cabernet Cortis. Talk about complicated, but the imagination, effort, and blending skill here are worth it because the perfume and flavour are sublime and couldn't come from anywhere else on earth.



2020 Winemakers' Collection Mary Rose Balfour

Matthew says: The Winemakers' Collection wines from Balfour are limited-production, esoteric, no holds barred curios. Sporting eye-catching, whimsical labels by Henry Hudson, is this statuesque rosé. I have never tasted anything like this rigid, upright and commanding wine. Super-dry, incredibly brittle and cleansing, and blessed with a refined rosehip and red cherry flavour, this is a connoisseur's (or Pinot-nerd's) treat because there is so much to discover here. I assure you I have not tasted a finer wine with steak tartare in years.



2018 Cossack Brut Vintage Danebury Vineyards

Matthew says: Made from 95% Auxerrois Blanc, a cross between Gouais Blanc and Pinot Noir, a close cousin of Chardonnay, and 5% Rulander, or Pinot Gris, Cossack tastes like no other wine in the UK. It is sufficiently enticing on the front of the palate to draw you in while the finish snaps back and makes our taste buds stand to attention. It's a thoroughbred if ever there was one.



2016 Blanc de Blancs Raimes

Matthew says: Raimes is made from grapes sourced from the chalk hills of the South Downs, and it is partially barrel-fermented with an extended 42 months on lees. This is, without doubt, one of the freshest and most vibrant Chardonnay-based wines on the shelves right now. Champagne cannot come close to this degree of sophistication in this price bracket. I urge everyone who reads this piece to track down this wine – it is a sublime example of a top-flight English Blanc de Blancs.



2014 Blanc de Blancs Hattingley Valley

Matthew says: Once again, a small amount of the wine was fermented in old oak, and with five years on lees, this is a sensational treat. With 3 g/L dosage, it is racy and firm when you eventually reach the finish, but there is so much theatre to enjoy on the nose and palate it is incredible.



2019 White from White Mereworth

Matthew says: Will Boscawen's sparkling Chardonnay is resplendent in its chic livery, and the flavour lives up to its chest-thumping message. This is a luminous, luxurious and lively wine with a faint orchard blossom nose, a buoyant, silky mid-palate and a succulent, chalky finish that teases the taste buds sending you back for more.



2021 Barons Lane White, Crouch Valley, England New Hall Wine Estate

Matthew says: Founded in 1969, this was one of the very first serious English wine labels, and in 2021 it received a crisp, new makeover that I find very pleasing to the eye.

I tasted the entire portfolio of new vintage still wines, and as it turned out, my chosen bottle is this bargain-priced, citrusy and pin-sharp Barons Lane White.





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Boco by House Coren

Matthew says: Made in the Charmat, or Prosecco method, from 42% Reichensteiner, 29% Chardonnay and 29% Pinot Noir, this is an elite Charmat at the top of this particular method's tree!

I cannot finish this recommendation without mentioning the packaging – I think it wears one of the most eye-catching labels in the country.



2014 Sparkling Rosé All Angels

Matthew says: Not surprisingly, my tasting notes revolved around the layers of wild cherry, raspberry and hedgerow flavours that I find irresistible. Don't fall into the trap of thinking that this is a wine for fruity puds – it is not. It is too dry and structured.

2021 Pinot Blanc Oastbrook

Matthew says: This Pinot Blanc is nothing short of spellbinding, with smooth, luxurious and layered fruit notes. It is superbly weighted, long and honed, and while it is impactful and breathtakingly impressive, it cleverly stops short of being as pulpy and viscous as Alsatian versions of this grape.

In addition, 2021 Oastbrook Pinot Meunier is another astoundingly astute wine. With a textbook Meunier perfume and a lip-smacking, pliable mid-palate, this is another head-turner from Oastbrook.



2014 Blanc de Blancs Cottonworth

Matthew says: Cottonworth owner Hugh Liddell has nailed the Blanc de Blancs model with this exquisite, chalky, bone dry Chardonnay taken from his best plots of land. This is a wine that rearranges your senses with its dramatic stance on the palate and is truly reminiscent of the finest wines from over the Channel.



2021 Gravel Castle Chardonnay Simpsons

Matthew says: I have certainly been impressed with the wines, having written them up over the years, so when they brought their skills back to the UK, theirs was an estate to follow. Sure enough, the quality came quickly, and as every year passes, the bar is raised ever higher.

I am a huge fan of Gravel Castle, the lees aged, stainless steel fermented, 'English Chablis' and so it doesn't matter where this inspirational couple travels; the French Connection is strong.

Best of British!



2021 The Mix-Up Vol 4, Mersea Island Vineyard Blackbook

Matthew says: This perfectly blended white wine is sheer heaven.

Made from Müller-Thurgau and Reichensteiner, Sergio has brought the precision and delicacy of an elite Alto Adige number here but with less overt weight and more freshness on the finish. Interestingly, the florals and hints of stone fruit here point my senses to the Rhône or Languedoc, such is the elegance and restraint coupled with the long, dry, controlled finish.



2019 Meunier Hindleap

Matthew says: This is a thrilling wine and one that further underlines Bluebell Vineyard Estates winemaker Kevin Sutherland's gossamer-smooth handling of his precious grapes.

This is a rather personal tasting note and one that might chime with some but leave others somewhat baffled, but I love the white pepper details on this wine. It is reminiscent of the perfume of a tip-top, dry Austrian Grüner Veltliner. I, for one, could not put this glass down!



2019 Extra Brut Blanc de Noirs LDN CRU

Matthew says: Alex Hurley's first traditional method release at LDN CRU is nothing short of a triumph. Only 1.3 tonnes of fruit were harvested, making this a somewhat collectable wine, given there are only 1,300 bottles in existence.

I was particularly struck by the exquisite perfume, layered, gentle fruit and surprising detail on the finish, and with only 4g/L residual sugar, it is a seriously dry and refreshing wine. It seems fitting that a wine of this beauty comes from the UK's first urban winery and a listed Victorian warehouse in Fulham, no less.



Wines from award-winning producers

We are proud to present you with the following wines from producers who are award winners in 2022.



**Albury
Vineyard Ltd**
Albury Estate
Blanc de Noirs
2018



**Aldwick
Estate**
Bacchus 2021



Ark Wines
Pinot Gris
2021



Balfour Winery
1503 Classic
Cuvée NV



**Bewl Water
Vineyards**
Pinot Noir
Owners'
Reserve 2020



**Bewl Water
Vineyards**
Reserve Cuvée
2018



**Biddenden
Vineyards**
Dornfelder 2021



**Blackbook
Winery**
I'd Rather be a
Rebel 2020



**Bluebell
Vineyard**
Ashdown
Chasselas 2020



Bolney Wine Estate
Cuvée Rosé 2018



Bow in the Cloud Vineyard
Bacchus 2021



Bride Valley Vineyard Ltd
Rosé Bella 2018



Brightwell Vineyard
Pinot Noir 2016



Brook Hill Vineyard
Brook Hill Still Rose 2021



Burn Valley Vineyard
Chalk Bed Reserve 2020



Burn Valley Vineyard
Bacchus Reserve 2021



Carr Taylor
White Pinot Sparkling 2015



Chapel Down
Sparkling Bacchus 2021



Chartham Vineyard
Pinot Noir 2020



Chet Valley Vineyard Ltd
House of Hemmant Blanc de Noir 2021



Davenport Vineyards
Limney Estate 2016



**Denbies Wine
Estate Ltd
Chardonnay
2019**



**Denbies
Pinot Noir
2018**



**Digby Fine
English
Non Vintage
Brut**



**Dunesforde
Vineyard
Queen of the
North Classic
Cuvée 2018**



**English Wine
Project
Walled Garden
White 2021**



**Everflyht
Brut NV**



**Everflyht
Rosé de Saignee
2019**



**Flint Vineyard
Pinot Noir
Précoce 2021**



**Frome Valley
Vineyard
Huxelrebe 2014**



**Giffords Hall
Vineyard
Classic Cuvée
2018**



**Greyfriars
Vineyard
Cuvée Royale
2016**



**Gusbourne
Chardonnay
809 2020**



**Gwinllan
Conwy Ltd**
Chardonnay
2020



Gwynfyd Môn
Anglesey Bliss
Solaris 2021



**Halfpenny
Green**
Rosé Sparkling
2020



**Hattingley
Valley
Wines**
Classic Reserve
NV



**Henners
Vineyard**
Henners Brut
NV



**Henners
Vineyard**
Brut Rosé NV



**Heppington
Vineyard**
Pinot Gris 2021



Heron Farm
White Wine
2021



**Hidden Spring
Vineyard**
Bacchus Fumé
2021



**Hooperhayne
Vineyard**
Bacchus
Reserve 2020
Vintage



**Hooperhayne
Vineyard**
Pinot Noir Brut
Vintage 2017

Kin
Becketts Rosé
2016



**Little Wold
Vineyard
Three Cocked
Hat 2020**



**Meopham
Valley
Vineyard
Phoenix
Sparkling Brut
Rosé 2019**



**Meopham
Valley
Vineyard
Premiere
Sparkling Brut
2019**



**Meopham
Valley
Vineyard
Signature
Sparkling Brut
2019**



**Nutbourne
Vineyards Ltd
Barrel Reserve
2019**



**Oatley
Vineyard
Jane's 2021**



**Pattingham
Vineyard
Nurton Brook
Solaris 2021**



**Plumpton
Estate
Brut Classic NV**



**Raimés
Demi-Sec 2017**



**Saffron Grange
Vineyard
Blanc de Noirs
2018**



**Sandridge
Barton Wines
Ltd
Estate Selection
2021**



**Scaddows
Vineyard
Evertingo 2019**



**Shotley
Vineyard**
Bacchus 2021



**Thorington
Mill Vineyard**
**Thorington
Mill Vineyard
Bacchus 2021**



**Three Choirs
Vineyards
Ltd**
**Three Choirs
Ravens Hill
2018**



**Toppesfield
Vineyard**
**Toppesfield
Pinot Rosé 2021**



Trevibban Mill
Harlyn 2021



**Tuffon Hall
Vineyard**
**Pinot
Noir Rosé,
Beatrice 2021**



**Vagabond
Wines Ltd**
Pet Not 2020



**White Castle
Vineyard**
**Gwin Gwyn
2021**



**Whitehall
Vineyard**
**Madeline May
Chardonnay
2021**



**Woodchester
Valley**
**Sauvignon
Blanc 2021**



**Woolton
Vineyard**
**Barrel
Fermented
Chardonnay
2020**



**Yotes Court
Vineyard**
Loose Rein 2021