CHAPEL DOWN
KIT'S COTY BACCHUS

2023

WINEGB AWARDS 2025 GOLD MEDAL



SINGLE VINEYARD

Kit's Coty was our first vineyard planted on Kent's North Downs—an area known for its ancient monuments, maritime climate, and chalk soils.

Today, the wines we craft from this site represent the finest micro-terroirs of our estate. Planted on chalk dating back 100 million years, these wines express a profound sense of place.

Its chalk soils and cool maritime climate have proved perfect for this style of wine and Kit's Coty Bacchus is our finest expression of this signature English white wine grape variety.

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WINEMAKING DETAILS

Vineyards: Kit's Coty

Grapes: 100% Bacchus

Soil: Kent Downs Chalk

Harvest Method: Hand-picked and whole-bunch pressed.

Months In Barrel: 100% wild-fermented and matured in old and new oak barrels for nine months.

VINTAGE REPORT

2023 was a landmark vintage for English wine. An exceptionally warm June—the hottest on record at the time—triggered early flowering, paving the way for generous yields across the estate. A late Indian summer in September extended the growing season, providing optimal conditions for full ripeness and complexity. The 2023 profile highlights bright green-apple freshness and focused linear acidity rather than rich, creamy textures, maintaining excellent structure, poise, and balance.

ANALYSIS

ABV: 12.5%

PH: 3.1

Residual Sugar: 1.7g/l

Total Acidity: 6.1g/l

WINEMAKER NOTES

Our Head Winemaker, Josh Donaghay-Spire says:

"Kit's Coty Bacchus is the result of a spirit of exploration—an intentional step beyond tradition to understand the full potential of our truly remarkable Kit's Coty vineyard. Located on the Kent Downs, its chalk soils and cool maritime climate have proved perfect for this style of wine."

Tasting Notes

Nose: Characteristic elderflower notes so often found in Bacchus, but with an added layer of richness.

Palate: Wonderfully tropical—showing notes of pineapple and grapefruit zest—complemented by the characteristic crisp freshness that defines Chapel Down wines.

The Perfect Pairing

"Kit's Coty Bacchus is an exceptional partner at the table. Its vibrant acidity cuts through rich, smoked flavours—pairing beautifully with smoked fish. It is equally well-suited to fresh spring asparagus or aromatic, Asian-inspired dishes featuring ginger, lemongrass, and soy. When pairing with spice, mild chilli heat ensures the wine's delicate nuances remain beautifully balanced."

AWARDS

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