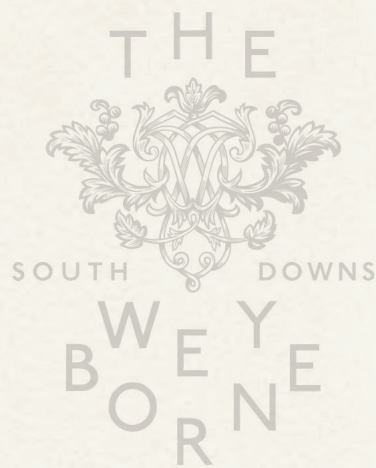




Wayward No. 1

VINTAGE 2020 DEMI-SEC



WINEMAKING AND BLENDING

Hand-picked and whole-bunch pressed, the fruit underwent slow natural settling before fermenting in stainless steel followed by nine months' élevage on the lees in tank – and then five years of ageing post-secondary fermentation in bottle.

Crafted with minimal intervention throughout.

A BLEND OF:

86% Chardonnay
14% Pinot Noir

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME: 12%

MATURATION

Bottled in July 2021 and disgorged, with 33g per litre, in March 2026

THE 2020 HARVEST

The 2020 was a lower yielding year, than the previous two, but was excellent in quality. A mild spring with good budburst and steady early growth.

A lovely warm summer provided a great growing season with good sugar levels and flavour – on to rapid ripening. Bunches were smaller than previous years – but with great concentration of fruit. This led to an earlier harvest – mostly in September and first few days of October.

TASTING NOTE

APPEARANCE: Straw yellow with an abundance of fine bubbles.

NOSE: Perfumed with floral aromas, pink grapefruit, pear, and a hint of tropical fruit.

PALATE: Rich, luscious, and ripe, initial notes of sweet honey lead on to apple, pear and tropical fruit notes of pineapple and mango with a hint of brioche.

Sherbety, zesty acidity counterpoints the rich fruit profile on a concentrated and taut palate with pithy, creamy, mouth-filling texture and weight. The finish is long and delightfully evolving, ripe, tropical fruit evolving delightfully into more savoury, mineral notes.

Like a perfectly-made cocktail, this Demi-Sec achieves immaculate balance between sweetness and freshness, as well as complexity with immense quaff ability.

FOOD PAIRING

The Demi-Sec is like a glass of summer-sunshine-filled joy, and as such, what could be a better match than a bowl of fresh Sussex strawberries and cream?

The wine's rich, honeyed generosity complements the sweetness of the berries while the verve of vibrant acidity leaves the palate satisfyingly refreshed.