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## ENGLISH SPARKLING

**THE CORAL ROOM** rotates six small vineyard sparkling wines served by the glass, handpicked by our Master of Wine, Anne McHale. The list champions local English wine producers from the Home Counties and beyond.

*Currently, we are delighted to be showcasing the following..*

**DORSET****Bride Valley Brut Reserve 2014** 16

Vivacious yet subtle, this outstanding Dorset sparkling has a bouquet rich in white flowers and white summer fruits, but with classically English undertones of elderflower and green apples. Bride Valley was the brainchild of famous English wine expert Stephen Spurrier and his wife Arabella. They spotted early on that the chalky soil on the Bride Valley estate was very similar to that in Champagne, and first planted grapes there in 2009. The Brut Reserve is a blend of the three classic Champagne varieties.

**EAST SUSSEX****Ridgeview Wine Estate 'Bloomsbury'****Cuvée 2014** 12.5

In 1995 Mike and Chris Roberts discovered the perfect site to realise their wine vision: a ridge with an unforgettable view, nestled at the base of the beautiful South Downs with their chalky soils. Ridgeview's signature blend, aptly named 'Bloomsbury', is dominated by Chardonnay which gives it elegance and crisp freshness. Pinot Noir and Meunier add depth and character. The refreshing style makes it a perfect partner for light seafood dishes and savoury canapés.

**HAMPSHIRE****Hambledon Vineyard Classic Cuvée Rosé NV** 15

Drink pink from England's oldest commercial vineyard. Hambledon Vineyard was first planted in 1952 on the south-facing chalky slopes of the Hampshire South Downs and now produces a range of highly sought-after and delicious English bubbly. This graceful Chardonnay-dominant rosé, blended with 10% Pinot Noir to add that lovely vivid hint of pink, is made using the traditional method and boasts a whiff of magnolia blossom followed stridently by perfumed wild strawberry and hints of buttered white sourdough toast. What could be more romantic?

**KENT****Hush Heath Estate, Balfour Leslie's Reserve NV** 13

Named after the producer's wife Leslie, this delicious traditional method Kent sparkling is blended from the classic Champagne grape varieties, and is fresh and clean in style with hints of brioche and red apple. Award-winning winemaker Owen Elias has crafted it from fruit grown on vineyards at the exquisite Tudor-framed Hush Heath Manor, a beautiful 400-acre estate with a history dating back to 1503 and the home of the Balfour-Lynns. Enjoy this crisp bubbly with shellfish or white meats.

**OXFORDSHIRE****Brightwell Vineyard Sparkling****Chardonnay 2009** 10

Made in the style of a 'blanc de blancs' Champagne from 100% Chardonnay grapes, this savoury yet elegant English sparkling has even out-scored Champagnes in blind tastings. Brightwell Vineyard, situated 8 miles south of Oxford in the Thames Valley, enjoys ideal grape-growing conditions with flinty chalk greensand and gravel soils, and shelter from the surrounding hills of the Chilterns, North Downs and Cotswolds. The extra age on this wine makes it ideal with a rich seafood dish.

**SURREY****Greyfriars Vineyard Sparkling Fumé NV** 8

Calling all Sauvignon lovers! Believed to be the only 100% sparkling Sauvignon Blanc produced in England, this wine is made by boutique winery Greyfriars. Located on sunny south facing chalk slopes just outside Guildford in Surrey, the Greyfriars vineyards are predominantly planted with the three classic Champagne varieties, but they also have a small plot of Sauvignon Blanc. The grape's distinctive aromas certainly come out in this example, with lime, gooseberry and grass to the fore. A deliciously refreshing sparkler.