

# Sharpham `Little Bee` Pinot Gris Skin Contact Orange 2022



## Region

If you have never tried an English wine before – well now is your opportunity. The vineyards of England are generally located in the warmer southern counties where the milder influences of the gulf stream have an important effect, as our northern hemisphere vineyards need a longer cooler growing season than in Europe to produce top quality grapes. More than 500 vineyards are in production across the UK and bottled annual sales has reached 3 million bottles, with Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Bacchus the most planted varieties.

## Producer

Sharpham Wines were one of the pioneers of the English wine industry, being formed over 40 years ago in 1982 after Maurice and Ruth Ash moved down to Devon with their Jersey cows and purchased the Sharpham Estate, planting the first vines in the 1960's. In 2008 Sharpham wines moved further down the Dart valley to the beautiful Sandridge Barton Estate which lies on the sunny south facing slopes that overlook the river Dart. The estate is now home to 32 acres of vineyards which are run and farmed according to the Countryside Stewardship Scheme of Sustainability, which Sharpham Wines is passionately committed to.

## Tasting Notes

A complex and textured `orange wine` produced with minimal intervention from start to finish. The nose has layered aromas of pink grapefruit, white nectarine, cider apple and orange peel, with more sour stone fruit flavours on the palate supported by broad and grippy tannins, taught acidity and a long generous finish.

## Food

Serve with grilled fish or meze style mediterranean dishes.

## Technical Information

<b>Country</b>	United Kingdom	<b>Dry/Sweet Style</b>	Dry
<b>Region</b>	Southern England	<b>Alcohol Content</b>	10.5%
<b>Grape(s)</b>	Pinot Gris (100%)	<b>Closure Style</b>	Cork
<b>Type</b>	White	<b>Organic/Biodynamic</b>	No
<b>Style</b>	Crisp	<b>Allergens</b>	<b>Milk:</b> No <b>Egg:</b> No
<b>Oaked Style</b>	Unoaked	<b>Vegetarian/Vegan</b>	<b>Vegetarian:</b> Yes <b>Vegan:</b> Yes
<b>Body Style</b>	Light bodied		
<b>Sustainable</b>	Yes-certified sustainable		



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