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Established in 2002 in the town of Tenterden, Kent, Chapel Down is one of the longest-running producers of English wine. Although officially established in 2002, the history of viticulture on the site dates back to the late 1970s when the first vines were planted. Today, the estate still encompasses the original plot planted in the 1970s, but has since expanded its acreage under vine throughout the North Downs and beyond, with over 1,000 acres under vine. While the majority of the grapes are sourced from their own vineyards, Chapel Down also sources high-quality fruit from several long-term partner vineyards across Kent, Sussex, and Essex.

The Chapel Downs estate currently grows Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier, and Bacchus varietals on south-facing chalk and clay soils that benefit from a warm maritime climate. Chapel Down cultivate Pinot Noir exclusively for the production of traditional method sparkling wines. Led by Richard Lewis, Chapel Down employs a holistic approach to viticulture management, prioritising cultural methods to minimise the need for pesticides and herbicides. The vineyard team uses an innovative approach to managing the estate, utilising data to inform their decisions, from planting new vines to managing existing ones.

