
BA centenary continues with new sparkling wine

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British Airways is continuing the celebration of its centenary year with the launch of its own English Sparkling Wine.

The new addition will come from [Hattingley Valley Wines](#) starting July 1. British Airways' team of wine experts worked with Hattingley Valley's wine makers to create a 2015 Blanc de Noir that will be exclusively available to passengers this summer.

The wine is a Pinot Noir dominant blend. The grapes were hand-harvested and gently pressed, before being bottled at Hattingley Valley's winery in Hampshire.

"There's no better, or more British way to toast our milestone year than with an English Sparkling Wine," said Kelly Stevenson, British Airways' Wine and Beverage Manager, in today's announcement. "We've loved working with Hattingley Valley to create something really special for our First customers and this will be the first time we have ever served an English Sparkling Blanc de Noirs on board. This

blend will excel at altitude as the notes of red apple skins and light red fruits really shine through.”

The premium sparkling wine will be available exclusively in British Airways’ First cabin as well as the airline’s flagship lounge, The Concorde Room in Heathrow Terminal 5, from July 1. Get a very first taste will be at Mad Hattingley Tea Party pop-up at TASTE of London in Regents Park from June 19 to June 23.

“English Sparkling Wine is now incredibly popular around the world so we’re thrilled to have partnered with British Airways to create an exceptional wine that can be enjoyed on the ground and in the air across their network,” said Emma Rice, Hattingley Valley’s Director, Head Winemaker.

Founded in 2008, family-owned Hattingley Valley specializes in making premium English Sparkling Wine with distinctively rich flavors. A hallmark of their style is fermenting a small proportion of each year’s wine in oak barrels, creating award-winning wines including the Classic Reserve, Rose and Blanc de Blancs.