



# VALKYRIE

SELECTIONS



## NYETIMBER



## BLANC DE BLANCS 2010

**NYETIMBER** || For over 25 years, Nyetimber has had a single aim: to make the finest English sparkling wine, one to rival the very best in the world, including Champagne. A true pioneer, Nyetimber was the first producer of English sparkling wine to exclusively grow the three celebrated grape varieties: Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier and Chardonnay.

Nyetimber is made from one hundred percent estate-grown grapes. Owner Eric Heerema and winemaker Cherie Spriggs are committed to producing wines of exceptional quality.

**WEST SUSSEX, ENGLAND** || Located in the Southeast corner of England, chalk outcroppings characterize the landscape of Sussex which benefits from the chalky limestone soil, cool climate growing conditions and relatively low rainfall. Nyetimber uses only its own grapes from its own vineyards, each of which was deliberately selected to be south-facing with greensand and chalk soils. All Nyetimber vineyards are located in the lee of the South Downs which affords them shelter from the coastal winds.

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**BLEND** | 100% Chardonnay

**VINEYARDS** | Sourced from south facing estate vineyards with greensand and chalk soils in West Sussex. Temperatures in the early part of the 2010 growing season were slightly lower than average, but that coincided with much drier weather as well. Flowering proceeded in excellent conditions during summer with hot and dry weather producing a large, even crop.

**WINEMAKING** | Hand picked in small crates and immediately pressed in a Coquard press, each parcel kept separate. Elevation on the lees in stainless steel. Aging for 5 years on the lees.

**PRESS** | 95 WE

“Touches of vanilla, cream and lovely hints of oatmeal allude to developing, evolving autolytic notes. These are edged with pure lemon, giving equal expression to emollience and freshness. On the midpalate the creamy, generous richness of yeast comes through, providing sturture and a canvas against which tart apple and Amalfi lemon can play. Depth and serious intent shows amid the sensuously fine fizz. The pure and lasting finish leaves you wanting more.” - Anne Krebiehl, MW *Wine Enthusiast*

