



## SOGRAPE APPOINTED EXCLUSIVE DISTRIBUTOR OF ENGLISH SPARKLING WINE DOMAINE EVREMOND

*Born from an unprecedented partnership between Champagne Taittinger and Hatch Mansfield, the first English sparkling wine with French DNA arrives in Portugal through Sogrape Distribuição*

**Press Release / 26 February 2026 – Domaine Evremond enters the Portuguese market through Sogrape Distribuição, marking a historic moment in the world of wine: the first time a prestigious Champagne Maison has invested in the production of sparkling wines on British soil. This addition to the distributor’s portfolio reinforces its commitment to offering premium, authentic brands of international reference.**

Located in Chilham, in the heart of Kent, Domaine Evremond is the result of a shared vision between Pierre-Emmanuel Taittinger and Patrick McGrath MW. Together, they identified in the terroir of southern England – morphologically identical to that of Champagne – the ideal conditions for producing exceptional wines.

Gonçalo Sousa Machado, CEO of Sogrape Distribuição, states: *“The integration of Domaine Evremond into our portfolio reinforces Sogrape Distribuição’s ambition to lead the premium segment with distinctive projects. This launch, developed with Taittinger – our partner since 1992 – reflects our ability to anticipate trends and offer the market wines of outstanding prestige.”*

Domaine Evremond Classic Cuvée – First Edition, crafted under the expertise of Alexandre Ponnay, Taittinger’s Chef de Cave, now arrives in Portugal with a blend of 55% Pinot Noir, 35% Chardonnay and 10% Pinot Meunier. The wine undergoes full malolactic fermentation and rests on lees for over three years prior to disgorgement, resulting in an innovative expression firmly rooted in authenticity.

Aligned with a contemporary vision of excellence, the project demonstrates a strong commitment to sustainability, holding SWGB (Sustainable Wines of Great Britain) certification. It also features a state-of-the-art winery, built largely underground to protect the wine and preserve the surrounding landscape.

Domaine Evremond will soon be available in leading restaurants, specialist wine merchants and selected retail outlets, with exclusive distribution by Sogrape Distribuição.

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## About Sogrape

Founded in 1942 by Fernando Van Zeller Guedes, Sogrape was born to demonstrate the quality of Portuguese wines to the world. From a single winery in the Douro Valley focused on the production of Mateus Rose, this family company has become global, with presence in more than 120 markets, owning more than 1,600 hectares of vineyards in Portugal, Spain, Chile, Argentina and New Zealand.

Moved by the purpose of bringing Friendship and Happiness to everyone it touches through its wonderful wines, the family spirit and the peak performing team culture lived at Sogrape are key in the successful path that it has been building for over 80 years.

Under the leadership of Fernando da Cunha Guedes, current President and 3rd generation of the founding family, the leading company in Portugal aims to spread Sograpiness through the world and be affirmed as a catalyst for positive societal change, respecting the limits of the planet in the construction of a more sustainable and inclusive future.

## About Domaine Evremond

Domaine Evremond is an English sparkling wine estate located in Chilham, Kent, founded by two long-standing friends, Pierre-Emmanuel Taittinger and Patrick McGrath MW. The estate is named after Charles de Saint-Évremond, a French poet exiled at the court of King Charles II and regarded as the first ambassador of Champagne in England.

Spanning 125 hectares of land, including 60 hectares of vineyards, and featuring a state-of-the-art winery, Domaine Evremond brings to life Pierre-Emmanuel and Patrick's shared ambition to create an exceptional English sparkling wine.

Champagne Taittinger is the majority shareholder of the estate, alongside Hatch Mansfield and a small number of private minority shareholders.

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