



LETHBRIDGE

The story of the wine...

2018 Lethbridge Pinot Noir

Winemaking: Sourced from four single vineyards in Geelong, two in the Moorabool Valley (Hillside Haven & Springbank) and two from the Bellarine (Hat Rock & Suma Park)

All fruit was handpicked and fermented separately to keep the individual vineyard characters distinct.

Each parcel was treated the same; wild yeast fermented with around 40% whole bunches. The wine was then matured for 10 months in 40% new French oak barrriques. After rigorous tastings we blended the wines to create this wonderful Pinot Noir in the Lethbridge style.

Tasting Note: Dark plums and spice abound on the nose, the 2018 Pinot Noir is savoury and spicy on the palate. This is a wine of finesse with dense red and black cherries and complex tannins.

Review:

95 points, Campbell Mattinson, The Wine Front

"It's an out-and-out ripper. Smoky, bunchy, well-fruited, dense, finessed, so many things. Powerful lines delivered with grace. It's excellent throughout but the finish has that extra something."

Vintage:	2018
Other vintages:	1999-2017
Grape variety:	Pinot Noir

Vineyards:	Moorabool Valley: Sweetland and Hillside Haven Bellarine Peninsula: Hat Rock and Suma Park
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Bottled:	February 2018
Alcohol:	13.5%
Cellar potential:	10+ Years
Cellar door prices:	\$48



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After nearly 20 years making wine I am just going to say it. Pinot Noir is the sexiest grape variety. And believe me, I have made more than my share of varieties. It attracts fruit with it's captivating aroma, earthy, mushroomy not sitting with some exotic dark cherry and wet leaves or forest floor. Following the alluring scent, there is the anticipation of taste and if you have chosen well, expect some intoxicating flavours of dark cherry with undercurrents of earth and spice. Finally to texture, a truly great Pinot Noir will be supple, smooth and silky. You will feel this wine in your mouth and if it is great Pinot Noir the taste will persist and you will want more. Smell, taste, touch and desire... sounds sexy to me. Ray

