



LETHBRIDGE

## The story of the wine...

### 2015 Still Breathing Semillon



**Story of the Wine:** The Campbell Family planted a mixture of Bordeaux varieties at Mount Duneed 43 years ago; the Semillon was the most reliable in the weather of those times. The vines always yielded well, showed their distinctive vinous characteristics and the wine was always in great demand. Now gnarled and woody, one thinks "old vines...such intensity!" They do have "old bones" but each crop is grown on a new vine supported by the old. This year's roots, shoots, leaves, flowers and fruit are not old. Things have heated-up since then. Time and economics have reduced their original plantings to 400 treasured vines and for the last 10 years they have entrusted the entire crop to Lethbridge. Our last vintage was the 'Last Gasp' Semillon, somehow or other we're all still breathing!

**Review:** "Semillon vines were planted at Mount Duneed some 43 years ago; there aren't many of these vines left (less than 400) and just how much more time they have, remains uncertain. In 2013 lethbridge made a Last Gasp Semillon and so, fittingly, this release is named Still Breathing. Good story.

Good wine too. Textural, as you'd expect. Lemongrass and smoke, vanillin, stonefruit, a slip of citrus. It's so powerful it feels weighty, in a positive sense. It's one of those wines that impresses immediately but then unfurls in the glass, showing you a different side." **93 points, Campbell Mattinson, The Wine Front**

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Vintage:	2015
Other vintages:	2013
Grape variety:	Semillon
Vineyards:	Rebenberg
Bottled:	January 2016
Alcohol:	13.5%
Cellar potential:	5+ years
Cellar door prices:	\$45

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