



LETHBRIDGE

The story of the wine...

2016 Lethbridge Pinot Noir

When making Pinot Noir I have always had a love of whole-bunch fermentation (using the entire bunch, including stalk). Doing so means not missing out on the full expression of the terroir. I think that is why our wines are always characterised by spice, tannin volume and drive. They need time to evolve and unpack to reach their full complexity and power and many of the wines that I made in the early 2000's are now in their drinking window. My hope is to create wines that are medium bodied but dense in concentration, with tannins that feel like you're melting in to a soft cushion. Hopefully I have achieved some of that in this wine.

I think so ;)

Ray

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 barriques. After rigorous tastings we blended the wines to create this wonderful Pinot Noir in the Lethbridge style.

Vintage:	2016
Other vintages:	1999-2015
Grape variety:	Pinot Noir
Vineyards:	Moorabool Valley: Sweetland and Hillside Haven Bellarine Peninsula: Hat Rock and Suma Park
Bottled:	February 2017
Alcohol:	13.0%
Cellar potential:	5+ Years
Cellar door prices:	\$45

