



LETHBRIDGE

# The story of the wine...



## 2016 Lethbridge Nebbiolo

*'il regalo di compleanni'*

*The Birthday Present*

**The Story:** What does one buy for a husband of almost twenty years who, dare I say it, buys for himself whatever he wants!

Late in vintage 2013 the phone rang, it was Robert John from the Malakoff Vineyard who had heard about our penchant for unusual varieties enquiring as to whether we wanted any Viognier. We had made a pact 'no small batches' and so after declining the offer I was somehow possessed to ask whether he had any Nebbiolo. It was Rays birthday in May and what better present. A great Nebbiolo rivals Pinot Noir in its elusiveness and Ray loves nothing more than a challenge. Two tonne of Nebbiolo arrived, difficult to wrap, but has given Ray many hours of fun, an excuse to spend a fortune on Barolo and will provide much pleasure for years to come.

It worked again in 2014 and when you are onto a good idea...

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**The Wine:** The third release of our Nebbiolo sourced from the wonderful vineyard in the Pyrenees. Open top fermented with a modest 35 days on skins post ferment. The wine has autumnal flavours with deliciously firm tannins. Save it for a few years or drink with some Osso Bucco.

Vintage:	2016
Other vintages:	2013-2015
Grape variety:	Nebbiolo
Vineyards:	Malakoff Vineyard, Pyrenees
Bottled:	September 2017
Alcohol:	14.0%
Cellar potential:	7+ years
Cellar door prices:	\$50