



LETHBRIDGE

The story of the wine...

2017 Lethbridge Single Vineyard Pinot Noir Hat Rock Vineyard, Bellarine Peninsula

In Pinot Noir's home of Burgundy, certain vineyards have been recognized as exceptional and have been elevated to 'premier cru' or 'grand cru' status.

In Australia we still have a lot to learn about the best sites to grow Pinot Noir, but after working with Pinot Noir in Geelong for the past 18 years and the Hat Rock Vineyard for the past 11 years, it became clear to me we had something special. Here the clay soils nourish vines that consistently produce bunches of small berries with great concentration and flavour.

The passion put into growing the grapes by owner Stephen Funnell is unparalleled and the wines have consistently shown a level of quality and distinctive character, leading to our decision to showcase this site in a single vineyard bottling.

The Vineyard: Hat Rock Vineyard was planted exclusively to Pinot Noir in 2000. The Vineyard is predominantly MV6 with a small amount of 114 & 115 making up the mix. A gently undulating north facing slope of the Bellarine Hills, the soil is self-mulching black clay/loam containing pockets of limestone.

The vineyard derives its name from a 'hat shaped' rocky outcrop on the Corio Bay shore, not far from the vineyard. This is one of only three landmarks names by Matthew Flinders, on the Bellarine Peninsula what he entered Port Philip ad Corio Bays in April 1802.



Vintage:	2017
Previous vintages:	2014, 2015
Grape variety:	Pinot Noir
Vineyard:	Bellarine Peninsula: Hat Rock
Planted:	2000
Owner:	Stephen Funnell
Harvest Date:	19 th March 2017
Bottled:	15 th February 2018
Alcohol:	13.5%
Cases made:	22 dozen
Cellar potential:	5+ Years
Cellar door price:	\$55