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The story of the wine...

2019 Lethbridge Pinot Noir

After over 20 years of 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 first with its captivating aroma, earthy, mushroomy, enticing 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, the perception of which relates to our sense of touch, a 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.

Tasting Note: Dark plums and spice abound on the nose, the 2019 Pinot Noir is savoury and spicy on the palate. This is a wine of finesse with dense red and black cherries, forest floor characters and fine and complex tannins.

Vintage:	2019
Other vintages:	1999-2018
Grape variety:	Pinot Noir
Vineyards:	Moorabool Valley: Sweetland and Hillside Haven Bellarine Peninsula: Hat Rock and Suma Park
Bottled:	February 2019
Alcohol:	13.5%
Cellar potential:	10+ Years
Cellar door prices:	\$48



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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 terrain. 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 2000s 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 gentle nuzzles to a soft cushion. Hopefully I have achieved some of that in this wine.

I think so!
Ray

