



LETHBRIDGE

The story of the wine ...

2023 Estate Pinot Noir



The Story: If you want to prove your mettle as a vigneron then Pinot Noir must be your mistress. With Pinot Noir comes many pleasures and much pain. For sure, she is a cruel paramour, hard to coax, but if you are attentive and persistent, she can reward your devotion with dramatic complexity and sheer spinetling excitement. In my opinion, Pinot Noir can deliver the most profound and complex, yet ethereal expression of any grape. With her beautiful colour, fine boned acidity, silky body, and compelling aromas I never get tired of exploring her.

In 2023 I have yet again survived a love affair with this heartbreak grape, and this bottle tells the tale.

The Wine: 2023 was a mild year with a cool vintage, perfect for Pinot Noir. From vineyards in Geelong and surrounds, the grapes for this wine were hand picked and then wild fermented with a portion of whole bunches. The cap was managed with gentle pigeage and extended skin contact, the wine was then aged for 11 months in 40% new French oak. The nose is lifted with aromas of rose petal, raspberry and red liquorish. The palate shows red berries, hints of forest floor with fine tannins and fresh acidity.

Vintage:	2023
Vineyards:	Suma Park, Hat Rock, Lethbridge, Hillside Haven
Region:	Geelong: Bellarine + Moorabool
Aging Potential:	10+ years
Alcohol:	13.0%
Cellar Door Price:	\$60