Lethbridge Pinot Noir 2012 Suma Park. Geelong. Victoria. Australia.

The Story:

I was waiting to meet a wine maker to taste his new vintage at a large Australian Tasting, when I spotted a rather unusual character dressed in a brown cord jacket – he looked at me and said, “Mate, d’ya wana try some of my Pinot”. Ordinarily I would have declined as I had to taste a few chunky reds, but I was intrigued by his very laid back stance – thank goodness I did because I tasted a completely stunning wine which woke up my taste-buds and reminded me yet further, that the world of Fine Wine was now well beyond the boundaries of Europe.

Ray Nadeson (for that is who I was talking to) founded Lethbridge with Maree Collis in 1996. They were and to an extent, still are research scientists. They realised that the particular soil and position of the Geelong region would lend itself to the production of potentially great Pinot Noir. The great region of Yarra Valley is to the east of them across the



Grapes: Pinot Noir 100%

Alcohol : 12 .5%

Oak : 15 months in French Oak (30% new)

Closure : Screw Cap

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Tasting Note :

Bright brick red

Jam pot, smoke, tobacco and rich vegetal tones (Vosne Romanee ?)

In the mouth, sweet violet and plum on the front,

then fabulous sweet fruit and crisp acids. Silk tannis that roll around the mouth.

A sensation.

This style of wine is now becoming a more common occurrence, but each time I find one that works, it takes my breath away. This wine shouted at me from the glass. As I passed my nose over the top of the glass, I turned and asked how many cases were available !

The Stignano Vineyard is 8 hectares – 6 are planted with Sangiovese and just 2 with Merlot. The very finest Merlot grapes are used for this 100% Merlot cuvee. Very few bottles are made.

For those who have rather given up on Bordeaux En-Primeur, this should be very attractive. These wines drink beautifully now yet offer an attractive evolution over the next 5 years with a further period of drinking of 5-8 years.

30 cases 6x75cl £ 231.00 per case Inc VAT

£ 180.00 per case Under Bond London City Bond, Tilbury

Terms:

Offered subject to availability

Minimum order is 2 cases of 6x75cl

Payment on invoice please.

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