Lethbridge ‘Pinot Noir’ 2012 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 manner – 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 Port Phillip Bay and just to the east of Melbourne. Geelong benefits from the cool evening breeze straight off the ocean which is no distance away and provides a perfect environment for Pinot.

With little expectation of what was to come, I put my ample nose into the glass and got a full-on experience of a five year old Vosne-Romanée, but I was looking at a three old wine from Australia served from a bottle with a screw cap !

Ray produces the tiniest quantities of wine and my negotiations with him were frustrating. I had discovered the next great treat, but with just 10 cases offered to me I was a little disappointed. They are packed in cases of 12x75cl and have screw caps- why screw caps, well Ray insists that his wine will not need to age for twenty years and will be delicious now and for the next seven to eight years, so a cork will add little other than to provide the chance for the odd corked bottle and he doesn’t make enough wine to risk that - I liked him a lot !



Grapes: Pinot Noir 100%

Alcohol : 12 .5%

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

Closure : Screw Cap

Tasting Note :

Bright brick red

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

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

then fabulous sweet fruit and crisp acids. Silk tannins

that roll around the mouth.

A sensation.

10 cases 12x75cl £ 385.00 per case Inc VAT

(£295.00 per case Under Bond London City Bond, Tilbury)

Terms:

Offered subject to availability

Minimum order is 1 cases of 12x75clPayment on invoice please.

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