



LETHBRIDGE

The story of the wine...

2017 Mietta Pinot Noir



The Story:

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Thousands of grape varieties exist however, only a handful are grown in each prestigious wine-growing region. Think Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from Burgundy or Nebbiolo and Barbera from Piedmont. This would suggest that certain grapes do well in certain climatic conditions. No debate here.

Here is my contentious point; for classic varieties grown in their traditional homes, there is a strong correlation between their best vintages and an autumn harvest. This is because grapes picked in autumn have the best natural balance of sugar, acidity, tannin and flavour.

The grapes in this bottle were picked on the 5th April. Definitely autumn in the Southern Hemisphere

The Review:

95 points, James Halliday

"A very good pinot noir that has taken full advantage of the '17 vintage. 80% whole bunch vinification may not appeal to all, but I am more than happy with the forest floor and soaring spices. 100% new French oak was justified, and has been almost entirely absorbed by the fruit."

Vintage:	2017
Other vintages:	2005 - 2016
Grape variety:	Pinot Noir
Vineyards:	Lethbridge
Vineyard Planted:	1996
Cases Made:	91 dozen
Bottled:	May 2018
Alcohol:	13.0%
Cellar potential:	10+ Years
Cellar door prices:	\$90

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