



LETHBRIDGE

The story of the wine...

2014 Lethbridge Nebbiolo



The Story: Late in vintage 2013 the phone rang, it was Robert John from the Malakoff Vineyard who had heard about our penchant for unusual varieties enquiring as to whether we wanted any Viognier. We had made a pact 'no small batches' and so after declining the offer I was somehow possessed to ask whether he had any Nebbiolo. It was Rays birthday in May and what better present. A great Nebbiolo rivals Pinot Noir in its elusiveness and Ray loves nothing more than a challenge. Two tonnes of Nebbiolo arrived, difficult to wrap, but has given Ray many hours of fun, an excuse to spend a fortune on Barolo and will provide much pleasure for years to come.

Wine made in the Lethbridge low intervention way, with long post fermentation (100 days on skin) and 18 months in large format oak

Tasting Note: Our second vintage of Nebbiolo, this wine displays more spice and concentration than the 2013. Complex tannins surround some plump fruit. A wine Ray is extremely proud of!

Reviews: "It's quite peppery and dusty to smell, and almost non-fruity to an extent. There's almond dusted with sugar, stewed cherry, something a bit like Plasticine, dried herbs and spice. Medium bodied, firm and stickily tannic, with pleasant cool acidity, all savoury grape skin flavour, and a dried herb aftertaste of fair length, though perhaps clipped by its tannin. It's a good wine. I could rate it a bit higher, or a bit lower, but it's worth checking out regardless. As much an adventure as a drink." **89+ points, Gary Walsh, The Wine Front**

Vintage:	2014
Other vintages:	2013
Grape variety:	Nebbiolo
Vineyards:	Malakoff Vineyard, Pyrenees
Bottled:	August 2015
Alcohol:	13.5%
Cellar potential:	7 years +
Cellar door prices:	\$50