



LETHBRIDGE

The story of the wine...



2015 Lethbridge Nebbiolo

'il regalo di compleanni'

The Birthday Present

The Story: What does one buy for a husband of almost twenty years who, dare I say it, buys for himself whatever he wants!

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 tonne 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.

It worked again in 2014 and when you are onto a good idea...

Maree

Review: "Sweeter and easier to approach in its youth than the '14, this is still prime time nebbiolo. Red cherry, violet floral notes, autumnal forest floor and darker berry allusions, too. The spine of tannins is not to be taken lightly, but the exuberance of taming fruit makes them easier to breach. Enjoy this now and across the next decade. Sappy and energetic. Delicious!"

94 points, Ned Goodwin MW, Halliday Wine Companion

Vintage:	2015
Other vintages:	2013-2014
Grape variety:	Nebbiolo
Vineyards:	Malakoff Vineyard, Pyrenees
Bottled:	September 2016
Alcohol:	14.0%
Cellar potential:	7+ years
Cellar door prices:	\$50