

Through the Bottom of My Glass

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'Stony Block' Pinot Noir success in London

We are celebrating! Last time I introduced my new Stony Block Pinot Noir (2013) to the Bellvale stable, and I'm thrilled to announce its Silver and Bronze awards at the International Wine Challenge and the Decanter World Wine Awards in London this month. I think it is a great addition to our Bellvale Pinots group. A very salubrious line up of judges sat the process from MW's Tim Atkin, Sam Harrop and Peter McCombie to Chairman Oz Clark.

"...It's smoky and herbal and structured with meat and black pepper establishing a proper foothold as darker cherried, almost graphite-like flavours pour through. It needs both a couple more years in bottle and a good decant; Interest and quality it has in spades" 93+points. Campbell Mattinson Winefront



The three Bellvale Pinot Noir '12 Pack' (4 of each Pinot) \$390

John Ellis on Facebook

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European visitors and workers

I mentioned Italian oenologist and Sommelier Lorena Oddena visiting for last vintage, and the winemaking rapport that I felt, but right across the year I have helpers from all over Europe, the U.S. – even as far as Chateau Golan in Israel, all studying our unique cool climate's effect. It's fascinating that they all speak the same 'wine making' language, it's apparent that there's very little difference in procedures and operations globally, which I find strangely reassuring.

The Wine Companion Awards Dinner Melbourne Museum

Here's a tip! Paid up members of Halliday's Wine Companion can get first dibs at limited tickets to the 2015 Awards Dinner at Melbourne Museum late July – just go to the website. It's a Members only offer

What they're saying on twitter

London Observer – Bellvale's extremely classy Athena's Vineyard Chardonnay, amazing balance, wine of the week

Brad Mitton – The Intercontinental Cannes now pouring Bellvale Quercus P.N. and Athena's Vineyard Chardonnay...

Patrick Eckel – Value Wine of the week! 2012 Bellvale Estate Level Pinot Noir

Vinomofo - We're suckers for a good Pinot & this 94 pointer is showing all the goods with pizzazz!

Warren Smith – Bellvale Chardonnay – silky textured, elegant...hmmm