



| SCARLET LADYBIRD |

2012 ROSE

... The third way is real Rose, Scarlet Ladybird, is a serious pink drink, deep and dry, that always comes up smelling of roses. Drink well-chilled on sunny days, with lunch and laughter.

After making Zonte's Footstep Rose for six vintages we named it this year in honour of all the Scarlet Ladybirds in our vineyard which eat other tiny pests like aphids and keep our fruit fabulous. The Scarlet Ladybird Rose is made to our house style, which is seriously fun drink, deep and dry, that which always comes up smelling of roses.

Zonte's Footstep is named after 19th century Zante currant vineyard as new plantings follow the original footstep. The currant business dried up, but Zonte's Footstep became our blueprint...

In 2003 a group of mates pooled old white 'utes' and new-ish tractors to grow the best grapes from the best vineyards. All we want to do is taste our fruit in our wine, so we charged our reigning winemaker, Mr. Ben Riggs, with one goal; to make wine true to vineyard so long as it is a bloody good drink!

The Scarlet Ladybird vineyard is on a 40 million year old alluvial plain, nestled between two rivers adjacent to Lake Alexandrina, upstream from the River Murray's sea mouth. It is an oasis in a cool desert with vines planted on their own roots, in maritime red sands that sit over pre-Cambrian Limestone and ideal for growing grapes

The truth is out there in the vineyard... but the proof is in this bottle!

Vale Len. Vintage 1930; Decanted 2006.

Colour:

Scarlet red. Brilliant see-thru purple-pink indicating what follows.

Nose:

Audacious array of aromatics always coming up roses. Veritable summer pudding of fresh berries, perfume spice dominated by strawberry and Campari-like cherry smells.

Entry:

Super fresh and zesty with lip-smacking berry flavours.

Middle Palate:

Medium-bodied, juicy fruited with touch of natural sweetness.

After Palate:

Rolling red berry fruits and Satsuma plums with soft spice rounding out a lush mouthful.

Flavoursome with fresh acidity and a tiny tweak of soft tannin taming the finish.

In Summary:

This is the fifth consecutive vintage of this wine. It's best to be drunk young on a picnic rug, but not just meant for summer. A fine accompaniment to Asian cuisine, or dishes with a touch of heat. Remember though, always be a lady.

Bottling Date: 04.07.2012
Region (GI): 100% South Australia
Alcohol: 13.0% alc/Vol
pH: 3.15
Winemaker: Ben Riggs

Sizes: 750m
Varietal composition: 100% Grenache
Total Acidity: 7.14 g/L
RS: 8.0 g/L

750mL: 9330391000053 **Six Pack:** 39330391000054

Dozens: 19330391000050



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