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EARLY RELEASE OF THE LANE WINES ADELAIDE HILLS, AUSTRALIA

Australian wines have sometimes been typecast as bold and brash, but there is evidence to the contrary. There are wines with grace and complexity, which make you stop and think, that don't reveal all their secrets with the first sip. Boutique winery 'The Lane' is a case in point.

The Lane is now a second-generation success story, run by brothers Marty and Ben and founded by their parents in the early 90s. Their wines undoubtedly have that exuberant, ripe Aussie fruit (as General Manager, Marty, says "we can't turn off the sun!"), but they have one foot in the Old World, thanks to the family's love of classic French wines and their unique spot of land in the Adelaide Hills. Here the vines benefit from high altitude breezes and cool air coming in from the Southern Ocean, giving all of the wines a signature freshness and minerality underscoring their seductive fruit.

We are offering an early release of the new vintages of RG Single Vineyard Chardonnay and JC Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon, from The Lane's top tier 'Heritage' range and, for the first time, a selection of limited release magnums from their other top parcels within the vineyards.

TASTING NOTES

RG SINGLE VINEYARD CHARDONNAY 2012

Named after Reginald William Germein, co-founder Helen Edwards' father, the team at The Lane will wander through the vineyards at harvest time, seeking out the best grapes from their oldest Chardonnay vines. This exquisite fruit is pressed straight to French oak barrels where fermentation occurs naturally to give an unadulterated, true expression of the vineyard.

Fresh white peach, a squeeze of lime and *crème brûlée* on the nose, with generous up-front flavours of nectarine, lemon curd and toasted cashews on the palate before that Adelaide Hills freshness and structure reins it all in. With only a hundred cases made each year, this is a cult wine in the making.

Featured in Matthew Jukes' 100 Best Australian Wines 2017/2018

**£165/CASE OF 6 BOTTLES, IN BOND UK
(RECOMMENDED DRINKING FROM 2017 - 2022)**

JC SHIRAZ CABERNET 2010

A selection of the very best barrels of Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon made from the vintage, JC is a tribute to John Crighton, co-founder John Edwards' father. It is The Lane's take on the legendary Australian red wine blend, Penfolds Grange.

A warm and enveloping nose of smashed blackberries, tobacco leaf and dark chocolate segues into a complex, multi-layered palate, that balances amplitude with freshness. Rich fruits of the forest and mint-choc meld with deftly handled oak, adding liquorice and spice. This dark core is complemented by velvety tannins and a mineral seam that runs through. Like the limited production of the RG, only 100 cases are produced.

£210/CASE OF 6 BOTTLES, IN BOND UK
(RECOMMENDED DRINKING FROM 2017 - 2030+)

GATHERING SAUVIGNON SEMILLON 2015 MAGNUMS

"If you put an oyster anywhere near a glass of Gathering..." quips Marty "...it'll jump out of its shell to get in!" such is the salinity and freshness on offer. In its youth the wine is precise and pure, with pristine citrus fruit. If you allow it to rest in the cellar for one or two years, it fleshes out nicely with stone fruit flavours and a hint of creaminess to match that early brightness and minerality. Sauvignon Blanc for grown-ups!

£150/CASE OF 6 MAGNUMS, IN BOND UK
(RECOMMENDED DRINKING FROM 2017 - 2025)

BEGINNING CHARDONNAY 2015 MAGNUMS

'Beginning' is a perfect example of why the Adelaide Hills is producing some of the most satisfying and exciting Chardonnays around at the moment. A wine of poise and grace, it has an addictive nose of orange blossom and toasted granola, with crystalline flavours of pink grapefruit and white peach. There are savoury and buttery elements from well-judged oak that add to the layers of complexity, but without a trace of fat.

£155/CASE OF 6 MAGNUMS, IN BOND UK
(RECOMMENDED DRINKING FROM 2017 - 2025)

REUNION SHIRAZ 2012 MAGNUMS

This is the wine where you can really sense the magic of the terroir. It's an antidote to the big stereotypical Aussie Shiraz and an exemplary expression of a grape varietal, stripped back and shorn of excessive alcohol and jammy over-ripeness. There is still immense power here from the concentrated black fruit and dark chocolate finish, but the wine has a perfumed scent, fresh ground pepper tingle and velvety tannins, that urge you to throw a steak on the Barbie.

£230/CASE OF 6 MAGNUMS, IN BOND UK
(RECOMMENDED DRINKING FROM 2017 - 2025)

19th MEETING CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2012 MAGNUMS

"Shiraz is the big noise, but Cabernet is the sleeper", says Marty. It could be the Adelaide Hills' best kept secret. The Lane's single vineyard example has cassis, blueberry and cigar box aromas, brooding dark fruit on the palate with Christmas pudding spice and a slinky, elegant structure. There is an invigorating minty and mineral freshness to this gentle giant.

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