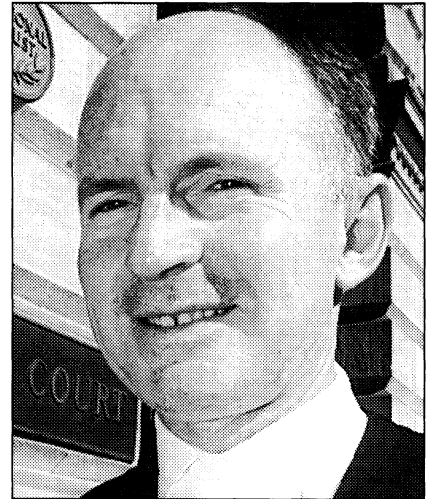


The Mike Tyson of wines - tasting the Leasingham Bin 61



Talking of wine which seriously “over delivers” value at a particular price point, it is hard to go past the 1999 Leasingham Bin 61 Clare Valley Shiraz (recommended retail price \$20).

Worth more than \$30 retail in comparative terms, this is a Mike Tyson or Lennox Hewitt of a wine fighting in a welterweight class.

One trophy (Best Red in Sydney Wine Show) and 3 gold, 5 silver and 2 bronze attest to the class of this wine, this is Clare Valley Shiraz at its best.

As the back label says – opulent and full bodied, showing the benefits of extended oak maturation for 18 months, the sweet plum and berry fruits are complimented with finely integrated vanillin oak flavours.

The Shiraz grape is the pathfinder for the tremendous expansion of Australian wine exports.

With its generous ripe fruit characters and palate weight, Shiraz is taking world wine markets by storm.

This Leasingham wine is a great example of the type of wines lavishly praised by the leading US wine writer, Robert Parker, for which the Americans will pay literally “megabucks”.

This wine is selling out fast, which suggests that the drums are beating amongst “value” wine buyers.

Leasingham says that the wine is available in the market place – Melbourne Street Cellars (8267 1533), for example, had five cases.

At the time of writing the wine was available at Leasingham Cellar Door (they can deliver) at \$19.50 per bottle by the dozen – call them on 8842 2555 to order some or to find out where it is available near you.

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