



## Dan Berger's Vintage Experiences

The Weekly Wine Commentary

### Wine Reviews June 4, 2015:

#### **Wine of the Week :**

#### **Giant Steps Sexton Vineyard Pinot Noir 2013**

Cool-climate Pinot Noir rarely shows off its distinctiveness the way this one does. The aroma has a green tea leaf character and the red fruit is more elegant and graceful than it is powerful. The mid-palate is terrific with Burgundian elements, and the finish is simply a joy when served with lighter red meat dishes. A great wine from vintner Phil Sexton, who also makes the excellent-value Innocent Bystander wines.

#### **Greywacke Pinot Noir 2013**

Very young and vibrantly fruity, this exciting wine offers deep cranberry and rhubarb aromas and has a smoky note from barrel aging, and so much complexity that it will age handsomely for at least a decade. From former Cloudy Bay wine maker Kevin Judd.

#### **Leeuwin Estate Art Series Chardonnay 2012**

The wine that changed the face of Australian Chardonnay and got others to emulate the style. This wine has a citrus and cream aroma with obvious oak, but it all works within the context of great white Burgundy. Note the vintage; the wine is still years away.

#### **Greywacke Wild Sauvignon 2012**

Those who love Chardonnay with its stirred lees will adore this dramatic wine. Ultra-complex with a kind of Didier Dagueneau texture and finish. Not to be missed.



### **Brokenwood Oakey Creek Semillon 2008**

If you like crisp wines and whites that will age a decade, this wine is it! The Hunter Valley wrote the book on this historic style and this may be the best Semillon maker of all. The wine, now 7+ years old, is still an infant and needs at least five more years; even more time would be better.

### **Cullen Ephraim Clarke Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2012**

This Western Australia gem has a delicate grass/ hay aroma that's matched to a crisp and flavorful mid-palate with hints of clove (probably from oak aging). Best in 3-5 more years.

### **Chapter 24 Fire + Flood The Fire Pinot Noir 2012**

A new OBC wine that is more about fruit, fairly rich with plum, blue-berry and earth notes.

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More red cherry fruit with spice and cranberry. An electric kind of flavor and a wine with a great future.

### **Jane Eyre Gevrey-Chambertin 2012**

Wild spice notes with deep and dramatic flavors of earth and racy dark berries. Still an infant, needs a decade or more.

### **Maison L'Envoyé The Attaché Pinot Noir 2012**

Red fruit and a load of complexity mark this stylish and faintly oaky wine. Good value.

### **Kilikanoon Killerman's Run Riesling 2013**

This young wine already has a trace of the TDC/petrol character you often get in older wines. Stylish and basically dry. It has a tiny trace of sugar, so it isn't austere. As with many Aussie Rieslings, it has a great future.