



## **2010 Stefano Lubiana Primavera Pinot Noir**



"When it comes to sub-\$30 Australian pinot noir, Stefano Lubiana's Primavera has been a model of supreme consistency for the best part of this century. If you ask me, the Primavera's reliability over the last 5 years has put a lot of Australia's other, significantly more expensive pinot noirs to shame.

"Evenly pitched cherry kernels, red berries, bacon and sweet vanilla/nutty oak enrich the floral fragrance of the 2010 Primavera, which rises in the same unassuming yet keenly varietal manner as Lubiana's previous releases. Also following the label's well worn (and delicious) path is the palate, which is supple, succulent and long - very long in fact - as its smooth expression of sour-edged cherries and meats unfold deep into the mouth with a springy extract of bright acids and fair tannins, before finishing with lingering traces of rare red meats and fresh garden herbs. A seamless integration of texture, refreshing structure and penetrative length make this one stylish little pinot, no matter what the price.

✓+ Steve Lubiana's passionate toils are clearly paying off here, because the 2010 is another surefire winner from the Primavera label. It's hard to imagine how you could pack much more style or sophistication into an earlier drinking Tasmanian pinot noir than this. Drink to 2016. 92 points.

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