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## B. Leighton

YEAR WINE NAME RATING PRICE

2012 B Leighton Petit Verdot Olsen Vineyard

(93-95)

\$55

Currently aging in 50% new French oak, the 2012 Petit Verdot Olsen Vineyard knocks it out of the park with its incredible cassis, plum, licorice, crushed rock and violet/spring flower-like aromas and flavors. Coming from vines lying at an elevation of 1,100 feet and fractured basalt and sandy loam soils, this full-bodied, decadent, full-flavored, yet elegant beauty will be relatively approachable on release, yet evolve gracefully for 15-20 years. It is spectacular.

## 2012 B Leighton Syrah Olsen Vineyard

(91-93)

\$45

The 2012 Syrah Olsen Vineyard delivers classic bacon fat, pepper, peat moss and assorted darker-styled fruits to go with a full-bodied, voluptuous and layered feel. Aged in 25% new French oak, it's a forward, sexy wine that also has solid underlying tannin, excellent concentration and a big finish.

## 2012 B Leighton Grenache Olsen Vineyard

(90-92)

\$45

The 2012 Grenache Olsen Vineyard has outstanding potential with its darker berry-styled fruit, gunpowder, ground pepper and subtle floral qualities flowing to a full-bodied, layered and seamless profile on the palate. Made from 100% Grenache, fermented with 100% whole cluster, and aged all in three-year-old barrels, it is a serious effort that will deliver the goods for 7-9 years.



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