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Foreign Correspondent 2016

It's a young'un that's for sure, but here in Heartland's Foreign Correspondent Lagrein/Dolcetto is a delicious, light-bodied red wine hailing from Langhorne Creek, a region that has a reputation for excellent red and somewhat bolder red wines.

I like what winemaker Ben Glaetzer is doing here, it's an airy, lower alcohol take on two North-Italian grape varieties. Lagrein hails from north-eastern Italy around Alto Adige where it produces fresh, aromatic, highly seductive red wines. Dolcetto, from over in the north-west around Piemonte, is overshadowed by Nebbiolo but produces beautiful wines, ones with a lushness of fruit, but do that typically Italian thing of walking the razor edge between sweetness and bitterness with an earthiness to the form. In the glass, the first striking thing you'll notice is how light the colour is, Pinot-esque in hue, perhaps even closer to a robust Rosé. There are aromas of red cherry, cranberry, red currant and blueberry fruits on display, all very high-toned, bright and pretty. Hints of spice, red licorice, amaro herbs, cherry Danish, rosewater and delicate, purple floral notes. It certainly has the mouthfeel of Rosé — light, spacious and airy and the flavours are similar in spectrum to a deeply structured Rosé wine. All crunchy red fruits, again with cherry, red currant and cranberry making a major showing. Come spring and summer, chill this down and have a few glasses of this with some charcuterie or perhaps some grilled tuna and it will bring a smile to your dial. At 12.5 percent alcohol you can have an extra glass for good measure.

-Dave Brooks, Adelaide Review, September 2016

Two northern Italian varieties, Lagrein(51%) and Dolcetto (49%), are paired together here to create a light, zippy, fruit-driven red perfect for summer. Almost pinot noir-like in colour and body, the palate is all about vibrant red berries and fresh acidity. Make sure you chill it down before you serve it up. And at only 12.5% alcohol, a second glass will most certainly be called for. Four stars.

- Jane Thomson, The Adelaide Advertiser, February 2017

