



# Tasting Note

## Best's Great Western 2016 '13 Acre Vineyard' Cabernet Sauvignon

The first vineyard you will encounter at the entrance of Best's. Consisting mainly of Cabernet Sauvignon with smaller quantities of Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Petit Verdot, this vineyard produces tiny amounts of intensely flavoured fruit.

Only produced when the conditions are right to fully ripen the Cabernets and attain the balance and complexity achieved with the other varieties.

This wine was reincarnated in 2012, the first time since 2005, as in November 2006 the vineyard was hit with a severe frost when the temperature plummeted to -7°C. It took this time and lots of careful nurturing for the vines to recover and regain their balance.

### Technical Details

<b>Region</b>	Great Western, Victoria
<b>Grape Variety</b>	Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot and a tiny amount of Petit Verdot.
<b>Alcohol</b>	13.5%
<b>Winemaker</b>	Justin Purser

### Tasting Notes

**Colour** Very dark red with a vermillion hue.

**Bouquet** Deep broody aromatics of cassis, violets, peppermint and fresh tobacco leaf.

**Palate** Intense and vibrant dark cassis flavours fill the mouth with layers of concentration showing elements of leaf, spice and fine gravelly tannins.

**Cellaring** This youthful wine is great expression of the success of Cabernet Sauvignon and it's friends in Great Western. It is possible to enjoy this wine now with food, but it will soften and gain complexity over the next 10-15 years.

Try with a seared veal chop served with parsnip, carrots, kumera or other earthy vegetables and a berry infused sauce.

**Vintage** The vineyard set off to a rapid start with ideal conditions for budburst and a warm spring for fruit set. The summer was mainly warm and dry. There were a few hot spells, but adequate foliage and irrigation ensured the vines remained in good health. The earlier than normal vintage period provided very good ripening and harvest conditions with clear days and cool nights.