



TASTING NOTE

2016 GREAT WESTERN BIN 0 SHIRAZ

Shiraz has been produced at Best's Great Western since the late 1800s, although the actual date of the first Bin 0 Shiraz is lost in the annals of time. What is certain is that Bin 0 as a descriptor on the wine label has been in use for over 100 years. Best's Bin 0 Shiraz is produced from the four original Shiraz plantings in the low yielding blocks of the historic Concongella vineyard at Great Western. This includes nineteenth century and mid twentieth century plantings of Shiraz which result in very low yielding, intense vines. The fruit is hand-selected, sorted and fermented in small-batches and matured in the finest barrels in our underground cellar.

Bin 0 is made to be an age worthy style and has been the undisputed icon of Great Western shiraz for many decades. It is internationally acclaimed as one of Australia's great Shiraz wines.

The esteemed Langton's Classification of Australian Wine upgraded Bin 0 Shiraz in Classification V 2010 from "Distinguished" to "Excellent" category.

Technical Details

Region	Great Western, Victoria
Grape Variety	Shiraz
Alcohol	14.5%
Winemaker	Justin Purser

Tasting Notes

Colour	Impenetrable dark red with a bright garnet red hue.
Bouquet	A cornucopia of aromas including potpourri, turmeric, blood plum, cigar box, savoury spices and fresh herbs.
Palate	Like a peacock's tail- explodes with flavour through the palate showing mid weight purple fruit and a lingering epilogue of graceful tannins. A definitive Bin 0 that will drink well now with food, however will benefit from some more time in bottle. Try it with a medium rare Scotch Fillet and creamy mashed potatoes.
Cellaring	Will reward both short term to long term cellaring (20 years+).
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 ensured the vines remained in good health. The earlier than normal vintage period provided good ripening and harvest conditions with clear warm days that cooled off at night.





AWARDS AND REVIEWS

Mike Bennie – Delicious Magazine

Quite lush and ripe fruited, shows sweet, rich berry fruit characters, suggestions of milk chocolate, pretty violet and 'floral' notes and comes with a sheen of sweet, nougat oak. There's depth to the medium-to-full weight shiraz characters, a plushness and pillowy texture with smooth tannins and a puff of warmth through the finish. The generosity of the wine will appeal to many, and it holds its bolder feel well. A younger drinking Bin 0 too.

Drink now to 2026 **Rating: 93 points**

Huon Hooke Review - May 2018

Deep red/purple colour. The bouquet is savoury and dried-spicy, dried-herbal, with star anise and mixed spice overtones. Very complex indeed. The wine is concentrated and powerful, with tremendously detailed flavour including lots of spice and a hint of pepper. A thoroughly majestic wine of boundless complexity and persistence, all hung on an impressively authoritative structure.

97 Points

Huon Hooke Wine of the Week AU – June 2018

This is a majestic shiraz, powerful and dense, well-structured for ageing yet with amazingly complex detail and charm for such a youngster, with star anise, pepper and assorted spice aromas. It has great concentration and persistence. A top vintage of this famous wine. (Screwcap)

Score: 97 ★★★★★

Alcohol: 14.5%

Food: Aged Reggiano Parmigiana

Ageing: drink now to 2046

James Halliday 2019 Wine Companion

There should be no doubt that this is absolutely of world quality. It ticks each and every box with its deep colour, evocative bouquet smelling of 'old money' (in wine terms), a long and velvety palate, the finish simply wanting you to start the process over again.

Rating 96 points Drink to 2046

James Suckling 2018

This is a youthfully fresh, unevolved and vividly fragrant on the nose with plenty of peppers across blackberries and dark cherries. The palate has a deeply spicy thread, running through rich blackberries and red and dark plums. The tannins are beautifully tailored through the finish. Drink now or hold. **Rating: 96 points**

VII Langton's Classification of Australian Wine – The OUTSTANDING category, comprises the best of Australian winemaking practices, vineyard provenance regional voice. Diverse in style, they are all stepped in an Australian narrative of exquisite fruit quality, meticulous selection, craftsmanship and singularity of character.