

Tasting Note

2017 Best's Great Western Dolcetto

Dolcetto was first planted in the Nursery Block at Best's in the 1860's, and all subsequent plantings at Best's have come from cuttings of these original vines. It has long been a topic of conversation as why Henry Best chose to plant about a quarter of the entire vineyard with what is, even today, a lesser known variety. The 1860's vineyards are still providing fruit for our modern day wines.....history in a bottle.

Originating from Piedmont, in North West Italy, Dolcetto "the little sweet one" is a reasonably early ripening variety that produces light to medium bodied red wines.

Our vineyards of Dolcetto predate those in Italy. They were planted in the 1860's, 1870's and over one hundred years later in 1971.

Technical Details

Region	Great Western, Victoria
Grape Variety	Dolcetto
Alcohol	12.5%
Winemaker	Justin Purser

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Colour	Deep purple with a few red lights in the hue.
Bouquet	Lifted aromas of sour cherry, liquorice strap and violets.
Palate	Mid weight vibrant and crunchy red fruits with a soft savoury finish. Try it with Paella
Cellaring	Dolcetto is best drunk within 5 years of the vintage, but some can age well to produce wines of character up to twenty years after the vintage.
Vintage	Fantastic winter rains set the vineyards up for ideal spring growing conditions that saw great flowering and fruit set. The mild summer conditions and long ripening period (with some timely small rain events) ensured that the fruit matured in near perfect conditions for harvest. A vintage that has more resemblance to those of the 80s and 90s than the vintages of this century.





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