

Tasting Note



Best's Great Western 'Bin No. 0' Shiraz 2014

Shiraz has been produced at Best's Great Western since the late 1800s, although the actual date of the first Bin o Shiraz is lost in the annals of time. What is certain is that Bin o as a descriptor on the wine label has been in use for over 100 years. Best's Bin o 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 vines that produce intense flavours. The fruit is hand-selected, sorted and fermented in small-batches and matured in the finest barrels in our underground cellar.

Bin o is made to be an age worthy style and has been the undisputed icon of the Great Western shiraz style 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 No. 0 Shiraz in Classification V 2010 from "Distinguished" to "Excellent" category.

Technical Details

Region	Great Western, Victoria
Grape Variety	Shiraz
Alcohol	13.5%
Winemaker	Justin Purser

Tasting Notes

Colour	Inky dark red with a bright purple hue.
Bouquet	Floral and lifted spice aromas mingle with the jubey fruit and meaty/ black olive notes. Subtle oak, cinnamon, bay leaf and peppermint fill the background.
Palate	Intense and brooding flavours of cool fruits and warm spices create a plush mouthfeel around the fresh minerality and the long rolling finish. A classic Bin o that will drink well now with food, but will benefit from some more time in bottle.
Cellaring	Will reward both short term to long term cellaring (20 years+). Try it with a Moroccan Slow Cooked Lamb Tagine served on a bed of Couscous mixed with finely chopped fresh mint, pomegranate and almonds.
Vintage	A relatively cool season apart from a mid-summer heat wave. Although yields were much lower than normal, good vineyard management ensured the grapes ripened fully and had lots of complex varietal flavours and balanced acidity.



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Awards & Reviews

Review

James Halliday, August 2016

'Full crimson-purple; a complex medium to full bodied shiraz with blackberry; black cherry, spice, liquorice, tannins and oak all contributing to the intense palate; natural acidity and freshness enhanced by the modest alcohol; it builds and builds, lengthens and lengthens each time it is retasted.'

Rating 96

Australian Wine Review, February 2016

'Historically one of the great bargains in Australian Shiraz (in my opinion), and even the recent price changes haven't dented this wine's appeal. Sourced from four blocks around the winery itself (in the Concongella vineyard), established in 1867, 1966, 1970, and 1992. The first thing you notice is that lovely purple colour – an amazing, bright purple colour. The nose is still wound up tight, the purple fruit sitting squat and so tight, with just a sliver of plum essence, black pepper and a little vanilla bean oak escaping. It's just 13.5% and looks composed and so balanced – you can just drink it, helped by long fresh acidity. Everything in its right place, the moderation instantly making this more appealing than the '13, the top shelf length suggesting long-term glory (I have fond memories of an 87 drunk about 4 years back that looked superb). Such a step up over the standard Bin 1, if still very tight. Excellent, full bodied but not overblown Shiraz. More!'

Best drinking: 2018-2032+.

18.5/20, 94/100

Winefront, February 2016

'I didn't realise until Best's Viv Thomson gave me one of a few fascinating history lessons, but a number of Australian producers, way back in the day, used to label their wines Bin 0, Bin 1, Bin 2, and similar, as a kind of quasi-tiering of quality. A kind of classification system, if you will. Best's have pretty much stuck with it too, with Bin 0 above Bin No 1. Best's touchstones of history are part of what makes them one of my favorite Victorian wine producers (of a pretty long list of course). Something special though. As with this wine.

Pours with that satisfying purply hue amongst the black and garnet. So fragrant in the glass. A heady mix of red fruits, herbs, lavender, pepper, fine cedar. In the palate, silkiness, medium weight, sweet red berries, pepper, lick of smoky oak, fine dusty tannins. Finishes soft and then begins to tug with tannin. It's effortless, pure-feeling, bright and so very drinkable. It's a release collectors should flock to.'

Rated : 95 Points

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Sydney Morning Herald, Ralph Kyte-Powell, March 2016

'Indulge yourself Best's Great Western Bin No.0 Shiraz 2014. Value good, superb Grampians Shiraz smelling of spices, blueberries, raspberries and cedar. The palate flows intense, seamless and complete, medium-bodied and long-tasting, gentle, superfine tannins underneath. Ageing? Captivating now, should live for at least 15 years.

Food idea Minute steaks with romesco sauce.'

Rated: 95 Points

Awards

2016 Royal Adelaide Wine Show- Silver

2016 Royal Melbourne Wine Show – Gold

2016 Royal Hobart Wine Show - Silver