

# Tasting Note

## Best's Great Western 2014 Bin 1 Shiraz

Best's Great Western as a Shiraz 'house' has gathered experience with the variety through the legacy of Best's long winemaking history dating back to 1866. Bin 1 Shiraz is the wine that often gives people an introduction to the regional style of Great Western Shiraz.

Made predominantly from Best's own vineyards and meticulously crafted with the same attention to detail as the Icon wines, Bin 1 Shiraz represents the essence of Best's Great Western winemaking ideals and the uniqueness of the Great Western region.

Bin 1 is a classic, cool climate, aromatic Shiraz, made in a style that is perfumed, spicy and peppery, yet well balanced with no overt dominance of alcohol. It's a great match with food - particularly dishes like spring lamb.

### Technical Details

<b>Region</b>	Great Western, Victoria
<b>Grape Variety</b>	Shiraz
<b>Alcohol</b>	14.0%
<b>Winemaker</b>	Justin Purser

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<b>Colour</b>	Deep red-magenta with a violet hue.
<b>Bouquet</b>	An intense perfume of dried flowers, aniseed and blueberry is enveloped with notes of bitter chocolate, savoury spices and pepper.
<b>Palate</b>	Smooth and succulent flavours of blueberry and plum careen along with the fine grained tannins and mineral acid. The core of lush fruit finishes with a drying savoury finish.
<b>Cellaring</b>	This vibrant and youthful wine is great to enjoy now with food. But will soften and gain complexity over the next 10-15 years. Ideal to drink with a slow cooked leg of lamb.
<b>Vintage</b>	A relatively cool season apart from a mid-summer heat wave. Good vineyard management ensured the grapes ripened fully and had lots of complex flavours and balanced acidity.





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### Reviews

#### **James Halliday, August 2016**

Medium to full-bodied with licorice dark cherry and plum building the main tent of flavour; clove and eucalypt as the guy ropes; tannin stake it all firm. Outside of flavour descriptors the best way to describe this wine; it will mature beautifully over 15-20 years but it's going to prove extremely difficult to keep your hands off it, even now in its youth.

**Rating** 95 Points.

#### **Australian Wine Review, Oct 2015**

'Best's were lucky to dodge a bushfire in the region this vintage, though they feel that the early season (January) heat pushed the vines into dormancy and made the ripening later again.

Magenta red purple (Viognier?) and very bright, there is an overlay of Grampians pepper on the nose over a typically plummy juicy palate, finishing off with faintly bitter tannins to the tannins and integrated oak. Medium bodied, this tastes just a little short and simple for really big points, though it is clearly regional. Good, without being great (yet).'

Drink: 2016-2022.

**17.5/20, 91/100**

#### **John Fordham, Sunday Telegraph 2015**

'Located on the outskirts of the tiny township of Great Western, Best's has been a household name in Victoria's Grampians wine region for more than a century. And it's been Shiraz, more than any other variety, that's anchored its success.

The 2014 Best's Great Western Bin 1 Shiraz enjoys a special pedigree. Its 2011 release captured Australia's most prized wine award, the Jimmy Watson Trophy, before going on to be crowned the nations wine of the year in 2013.

Crafted by Justin Purser on behalf of the legendary Thomson family, the latest vintage, oozing silky, spicy, medium-bodied flavours, is ready to enjoy despite its youthfulness. It certainly ranks as one of Best's finest recent Shiraz releases.'

#### **Regan Drew, vinonotebook.com**

'Gosh this is good. Forget big bruising alcoholic shirazes, this is made for elegant drinking. "Kit-Kat" chocolate and wafer smells, with a little mint and spiced purple plum. The flavour is on the savoury side and there's plenty of tannin (that grippy, drying stuff on your gums), but that adds to the adventure. Cool and dignified.'

**Rating** 9/10

#### **Campbell Mattinson, Wine Front Review**

'All I really need to say is: they've done it again.

It's a beautiful style and a beautiful price. No brainer territory for me. Flush with cherry-plum fruit, splashed with smoky vanillin oak, tipped by both mint and clove characters and finely but decidedly tannic through the finish. It will live a long life. It sluices with acidity. And yet it's absolutely satisfying to drink right now.'

**Rating** 95 points



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## **Gourmet Traveller Wine Magazine, Max Allen**

‘There are so many reasons why this wine is great value (defined here as "I'd be happy to pay more it"). For a start, it's delicious: typical regional/variety melange of spicy pepper, dark, glossy black fruit and fine, but firm tannin. It's also got pedigree: the 2011 vintage won the fabled Jimmy Watson trophy and the best Best's reds are famously cellar worthy (one of my favourite wines of all time is the 1980 Best's Bin 0 Shiraz). Oh, and it's the winery's 150th birthday this year.’

## Awards

### **2015**

National Wine Show-Gold medal

Royal Adelaide Wine Show- Gold medal

Royal Perth Wine Show- Silver Medal

Royal Victorian Wine Show- Bronze medal

Ballarat Wine Show-Bronze medal