



Tasting Note

2014 Sparky's Block Shiraz

Sparky's Block is a special parcel of Shiraz on some of the best soil in the Concongella Vineyard. Sparky is the nickname of Marcus Thomson, the youngest of the Thomson siblings and born in 1970.

The deep loams and gravels from the old creek bed provide a matrix for extensive root systems stretching several metres underground. At 45 years of age these vines are considered to be at their peak for producing quality fruit. The best section of the block was selected for this wine. We have sealed half of this wine under cork and the other half under a glass stopper to see what will happen. The reason being that the cork will add complexity to the evolution of the wine and the glass stopper will seal the wine's freshness for longer.

The release of this wine in 2016 commemorates 150 years of continuous operation here at Best's Great Western.

Technical Details

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

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Colour	Inky dark red with a purple hue.
Bouquet	Lifted and heady aromas of dark concentrated fruits, aniseed, saffron, pepper, black olives, cinnamon and violets.
Palate	Rich and flowing with a voluptuous but medium body and super long aromatic tannins.
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 flavours and balanced acidity. Drink in 2 to 40 years
	Under Glass Stopper
	As above but slightly more closed and backwards Drink 5 to 50 years



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Reviews & Awards

James Halliday Wine Companion 2018 – 2014 Sparky's Block Shiraz

"The best selection from the block plant in the 70's. Sparky, the nickname of Marcus Thomson, born in '70. A great shiraz, the pity being only 50 dozen bottles produced. Its deep colour and highly aromatic bouquet spanning a rainbow of spices, lay the path for the very complex medium-bodied palate, with luscious fruits and superb tannins." Drink now-2040 **Rating: 97 points**