

Tasting Note



Best's Great Western 'Bin No. 0' Shiraz 2015

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 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	14.0%
Winemaker	Justin Purser

Tasting Notes

Colour	Deep dark red with a bright purple hue.
Bouquet	Dark red fruits, dried flowers with notes of nori seaweed, grilled peppercorns and cinnamon.
Palate	Succulent red fruits coat the outside of the mouth with ball of intense flavour in the middle. The flavours subside to a long and savoury finish. A classic Bin 0 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 Mutton Cassoulet and creamy mashed potatoes.
Vintage	A moderate season with no real hot spells. Very cool nights and warm days ensured the grapes ripened fully but retained all their natural acidity. Quality is very good, but crops were reduced due to the dry weather and spring frosts.

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Awards & Reviews

Review

Australian Wine Review – Andrew Graham

One of the most attractive things about the classical Best's Great Western red wine style is the texture. The glossy, plum essence roundness seems to come without the cost of heat or excess. It's just a full, enveloping and charming style.

You'd almost call that fruit molten, such is the perfect flow in their iteration. Like a wave of spiced purple berry compote washing over your palate. The oak folds into that fruit too, adding a vague vanilla bean highlight, but rarely just contributing more textural layers.

Critically, whilst it's ripe (and a warm year wine), it feels sunny, not cooked – i.e. plums, not prunes – and it's a quintessentially mid-weight wine. The tannins, too, are almost elegant, and acid correct, the finish just a little warm but not hot.

Ultimately this is classic wine. You'd want to wait an extra year, as it still doesn't feel like it's giving up all its goodies yet (hence the plus sign). Beyond next year? I have no doubt this will be a 30-year wine.

Best drinking: 2019-2039. **18.5/20, 94/100+** Would I buy it? I really would. Lovely.

The Age Epicure Good Food - Ralph Kyte-Powell

Still raw and unevolved, this inky Victorian Shiraz offers lovely regional purity. Plum, licorice and earthy aromas flow through a silky, lingering palate with perfectly integrated tannins. Ageing? Yes, 3 to 15 years. **Food idea** Braised lamb.

Stockist include: Boccaccio Cellars, Balwyn (Vic). Winesquare, Camperdown (NSW).

Australian & New Zealand Wines of the Year 2017 – Tyson Stelzer

The top 20 Wines of the Year Under \$100

The deep, exotic complexity and supple tannin embrace of old vines define an alluring Bin 0 of brooding black fruit density, layered mixed spice complexity and subtle game complexity, uniting and enduring in effortless harmony on a finish of profound persistence. An epic Bin 0. **97 points**

Wine Genius Review

The 2015 is a deep, brooding shiraz with powerful dark fruits, sarsaparilla, cherry spice and minerals. Early on it is showing great complexity, length, power and elegance and it should only improve with age.

Drink: 2017-2028 Rating: 94 points

James Halliday Wine Companion 2018 – Best's 2015 Bin 0 Shiraz

“Deep colour; the bouquet immediately wrests attention to its profound black fruits that follow hot on its heels in the full-bodied palate. Has remarkable power and intensity to the array of black fruits, licorice, spice and pepper flavours bound by French oak. Intensity is the keyword.” **Score: 95 points**