



TASTING NOTE

2015 GREAT WESTERN SPARKLING SHIRAZ



Best's Great Western Sparkling Shiraz was re-introduced at Best's in 2006 after almost 20 years of absence. The sparkling Shiraz style is synonymous with Great Western and has been made in the region since the early 1900s.

Best's Sparkling Shiraz epitomises the regional characteristics with plenty of spice and plummy fruit characters. The base wine is left on yeast lees in bottle for 22 months or more and disgorged in the traditional method. The dosage liqueur for this wine contains a small quantity of very old Best's Liqueur Muscat that gives the wine an added layer of interest and complements the style.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Region:	Great Western, Victoria
Grape Variety:	Shiraz
Alcohol:	14.5%
Winemaker:	Justin Purser

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Colour: Very dark purple with a ruby hue.

A rocky, but creamy purple mousse upon pouring and a fine persistent bead.

Bouquet: A deeply scented nose of potpourri, bread dough, blackberries, pistachio nuts and blood orange. Layered and complex.

Palate: A rich and opulent mouthfeel with a creamy effervescence. The dark blue and plum flavours are held by silky tannins and an orange rind tang at the finish.

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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