



TASTING NOTE

2016 GREAT WESTERN CABERNET FRANC

In 1982 Merlot was planted on the Concongella Vineyards' Thirteen- Acre Block. Imagine the surprise when half the vines behaved in a totally different manner: Best's were the proud owners of Cabernet Franc. As a surprise packet the vines and wines have proved their place in the Great Western portfolio. Cabernet Franc tends to be more aromatic and has a softer and brighter fruit flavour than its more famous cousin, Cabernet Sauvignon.

This wine was reincarnated in 2016, the first time since 2006, as in November 2006 the vineyard was hit with a severe frost when the temperature plummeted to -7°C . It took this time and lots of careful nurturing for the vines to recover and regain their balance. We are very happy to be able to release this wine, which we believe is a great example of the variety. When the esteemed wine judge and winemaker, Ian McKenzie tasted this wine recently, he was so enamoured by it that he said it might be 'Australia's answer to the right bank of Bordeaux'.

Technical Details

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

Tasting Notes

Colour Very dark red with a vermillion hue.

Bouquet Deeply fragrant aromas of cinnamon, clove, bay leaf, rose petals, tobacco and cassis.

Palate Finely sculpted ripe tannins frame the vibrant and savoury dark fruit flavours that flow along a lengthy and persistent path.

Cellaring This youthful wine is great expression of the quality of Cabernet Franc possible in Great Western. This wine is drinking well now with food, but it will soften and gain complexity over the next 10- 15 years.
Try it with a Roast Leg of lamb with all the trimmings.

Vintage The vineyard set off to a rapid start with ideal conditions for budburst and a warm spring for fruit set. The summer was mainly warm and dry. There were a few hot spells, but adequate foliage and irrigation ensured the vines remained in good health. The earlier than normal vintage period provided very good ripening and harvest conditions with clear days and cool nights.



AWARDS AND REVIEWS

James Halliday 2019 Wine Companion

A blend of 95% Cabernet Franc, 6% Cabernet Sauvignon; matured in used French oak for 14 months. The bouquet has a hint of tobacco, and an echo of the luscious dark berry fruits that continue through to the long, balanced finish.

Rating: 95 points **Drink:** To 2041