



TASTING NOTE

2016 GREAT WESTERN 13 ACRE CABERNET

The first vineyard you will encounter at the entrance of Best's. Consisting mainly of Cabernet Sauvignon with smaller quantities of Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Petit Verdot, this vineyard produces tiny amounts of intensely flavoured fruit.

Only produced when the conditions are right to fully ripen the Cabernets and attain the balance and complexity achieved with the other varieties. This wine was reincarnated in 2012, the first time since 2005, 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.

Technical Details

Region	Great Western, Victoria
Grape Variety	Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot and a tiny amount of Petit Verdot.
Alcohol	13.5%
Winemaker	Justin Purser

Tasting Notes

Colour	Dark red with a garnet hue.
Bouquet	A lifted nose of exotic spices, peat smoke, peppercorns and dark stone fruits.
Palate	A rhythmic symphony of plush blue fruit flavours and tangy spices with a graceful finish reminiscent of crushed velvet.
Cellaring	This wine will soften and form more complex aromatics and flavours over the next 15 years.
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, and some vines suffered a little heat stress, but adequate foliage ensured the vines remained healthy. The earlier than normal vintage period provided good ripening and harvest conditions with clear warm days that cooled off at night.





AWARDS & REVIEWS

James Halliday 2019 Wine Companion

62% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot, 12% Cabernet Franc and 2% each of Shiraz and Petit Verdot. It is positively juicy, with red fruits and fine tannins sewn together by invisible thread. The finish of the wine is spellbinding.

Rating: 95 points

Drink: To 2036