



## TASTING NOTE

# 2017 GREAT WESTERN BIN NO. 0 SHIRAZ

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 Great Western Shiraz 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 0 Shiraz in Classification V 2010 from the "Distinguished" to "Excellent" category and in Classification VII 2018 from the "Excellent" to "Outstanding" category.

### Technical Details

<b>Region</b>	Great Western
<b>Grape Variety</b>	Shiraz - Picked: early April 2017 - Bottled: 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2018
<b>Alcohol</b>	14%
<b>Winemaker</b>	Justin Purser

### Tasting Notes

<b>Colour</b>	Deep red with a ruby hue.
<b>Bouquet</b>	Layered and complex- blackberry, exotic spices, pastille, dried flowers, black pepper and dark cocoa.
<b>Palate</b>	Medium bodied with plush, slippery dark cherry fruits and fine long graphite tannins swirled with some tasty oak.  Try it with Greek lamb salad
<b>Cellaring</b>	Will reward both short term to long term cellaring (20 years+).
<b>Vintage</b>	Fantastic winter rains set the vineyards up for ideal spring growing conditions that saw great flowering and fruit set. The mild summer conditions and long ripening period (with some timely small rain events) ensured that the fruit matured in near perfect conditions for harvest. A vintage that has more resemblance to those of the 80s and 90s than the vintages of this century.





## AWARDS AND REVIEWS

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#### JAMES HALLIDAY 2020 WINE COMPANION

From vines planted 1868, 1966, '70 and '92, hand-picked, sorted, fermented with 25% whole bunches, the remainder whole berry, matured for 17 months in French barriques and hogsheads (20% new). The deepest colour and largest build of the Best's Shiraz's, here black and blue fruits have fine, but not apologetic tannins running alongside the fruits - which don't give it (the fruit) even a passing glance.

**Rating: 96 points** Drink now to 2037

#### JAMES SUCKLING TASTING REPORTS 2019

This has an array of wild red berries with a gently creamy edge to the palate that carries long, plush and silky tannin in a fine, precise style. Salty mineral kick at the finish. Drink now. Screw cap.

**Rating: 94 points**

**WINEFRONT** Dec 19 – Spicy, peppery, a bit reductive and meaty, red and blue fruits, aniseed and perfume. Medium-bodied, pretty firm in acidity, spicy and charred, wheatgerm and dried herb, grainy tannin, and a raspberry acidity finish of sure length. Tight now, and needs a bit of time to resolve.

Drink now – 2040 **94+ points**

#### THE REAL REVIEW – HUON HOOKE, June 2019

Sweaty, meaty, reductive aromas at first; youthful and bold, fresh and undeveloped. The wine is intense and firm, with a little (pleasant) bitterness in the tannins, bright and bold, youthful and quite solid, in need of some cellar-time. It has a very good depth and intensity of flavour. There's a sweet-fruit middle and considerable elegance. It showed more fruit and complexity with airing, including some pepper and a slight balsamic-herb bunchy note. Potential plus. A superb wine in the making. Footnote: a day later, exposure to air had brought more out of the wine. Wonderfully deep and complex.

Drink: 2021 – 2037 **Rating: 97 points**