



TASTING NOTE

2017 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 enamored 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	Dark red with flashes of purple and a scarlet hue.
Bouquet	This wine unveils in the glass with black currant, savoury herb and dried flowers all on show.
Palate	Rounded and plush dark fruit flavours with gently drying tannins.
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 tomato rich ragu and fresh pappardelle.
Vintage	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.



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AWARDS AND REVIEWS

James Halliday 2020 Wine Companion

Beautifully poised. Red berry fruits, cedar and cigar box all come together on a silken carpet. No more than medium-bodied but its intensity punches above its weight. **Rating 95 points** Drink now - 2039

NOTES: Only 2 tonnes picked off the 13 Acre Block
Picked: 19th April 2017
Bottled: 4th September 2018
2,100 bottles
Whole berry ferment in open topped fermenters
Hand Plunged & Basket Pressed
15 months in older oak (mainly French)