



## TASTING NOTE

# 2017 GREAT WESTERN CABERNET SAUVIGNON



One of the greatest things about the Great Western wine region is its ability to successfully grow a broad range of grape varieties. Shiraz may be the regional hero, but Cabernet Sauvignon from the area can lay almost equal claim.

Best's Great Western Cabernet Sauvignon is a fine example of the Great Western Regional style; showing rich, mocha and berry fruit with a solid mid-palate weight thanks to superbly concentrated fruit.

### Technical Details

<b>Region</b>	Great Western, Victoria
<b>Grape Variety</b>	Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>Alcohol</b>	13.5%
<b>Winemaker</b>	Justin Purser

### Tasting Notes

<b>Colour</b>	Very dark red with dense crimson hue.
<b>Bouquet</b>	High noted varietal aromas of blackcurrant and tobacco leaf with subtle tones of cedar and cashew.
<b>Palate</b>	Dense mid weighted plush, black fruits with assertive but smooth and velvety tannins giving direction and length.
<b>Cellaring</b>	This youthful wine is a great expression of the variety in Great Western. It is possible to enjoy this wine now with food, but it will soften and gain complexity over the next 5- 20 years. The perfect accompaniment to a Chinese spiced roasted pork belly.
<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. It's a vintage that has more resemblance to those of the 80s and 90s than the vintages of this century.

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## **AWARDS & REVIEWS**

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Royal Perth Wine Show – High Bronze

Ballarat Wine Show – Trophy, Best Regional Red other than Shiraz or Pinot Noir

### **REVIEWS**

#### **HALLIDAY WINE COMPANION – EXCEPTIONAL GOOD BUYS FEB/MAR 2019**

Excellent colour; this is a supple and harmonious as a classy young cabernet can be. The fragrant spice and red flowers of the bouquet lead into a perfectly balanced, medium-bodied palate. Here, notes of tapenade and black olive hover on the fringe of the core of the blackcurrant of the palate. Oak has been economically used, none new detected. Drink to 2030.

#### **JAMES SUCKLING TASTING REPORT 2019**

A beautiful array of wild cherries, cassis and blackberries with vibrant fresh tannins that carry plenty of interest and depth. Drink or hold. *91 points*

#### **JAMES HALLIDAY 2020 WINE COMPANION – *Rating 94 points***