



## TASTING NOTE

# 2017 GREAT WESTERN DOLCETTO

Dolcetto was first planted in the Nursery Block at Best's in the 1860's, and all subsequent plantings at Best's have come from cuttings of these original vines. It has long been a topic of conversation as why Henry Best chose to plant about a quarter of the entire vineyard with what is, even today, a lesser known variety. The 1860's vineyards are still providing fruit for our modern day wines.....history in a bottle.

Originating from Piedmont, in North West Italy, Dolcetto "the little sweet one" is a reasonably early ripening variety that produces light to medium bodied red wines.

Our vineyards of Dolcetto predate those in Italy. They were planted in the 1860's, 1870's and over one hundred years later in 1971.

## TECHNICAL DETAILS

**Region:** Great Western, Victoria

**Grape Variety:** Dolcetto

**Alcohol:** 12.5%

**Winemaker:** Justin Purser

## TASTING NOTES

**Colour:** Deep purple with a few red lights in the hue.

**Bouquet:** Lifted aromas of sour cherry, liquorice strap and violets.

**Palate:** Mid weight vibrant and crunchy red fruits with a soft savoury finish.

**Cellaring:** Dolcetto is best drunk within 5 years of the vintage, but some can age well to produce wines of character up to twenty years after the vintage.

Ideal to drink with Char Siu Smoked Pork and steamed Pak Choy in Oyster Sauce.

**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 & REVIEWS**

### James Halliday 2019 Wine Companion

From vines planted in the 1870's, matured for 6 months in old American puncheons. I think the delicious red fruits will still be going in 5+ years' time, but I'm not persuaded they will be better. Terrific value.

**Rating:** 94 points

**To:** 2020