



TASTING NOTE

2017 GREAT WESTERN PINOT NOIR



The fruit for this wine comes from 1980 and 1987 Pinot Noir plantings in the Concongella vineyards, at Best's Great Western and the 1997 plantings at the elevated vineyard at Rhydney. The clones are Best's, MV6, D5V12 & D2V5.

Pinot Noir was first planted in the Nursery Block at Best's in the 1860's. It is believed that the origin of these vines was the James Busby collection, Australia's first vines. These Pinot Noir cuttings were sourced from some of the finest vineyards in Burgundy. The original Best's plantings are now thought to be the oldest Pinot Noir vines in the world, and one of these clones is thought to exist nowhere else in the world.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Region: Great Western, Victoria

Grape Variety: Pinot Noir

Alcohol: 13%

Winemaker: Justin Purser

TASTING NOTES

Colour: Deep crimson with a scarlet hue.

Bouquet: Lifted black cherry and potpourri aromas are layered with subtle oak spice and forest floor characters.

Palate: A rich mouthful of dark red fruits which form a round and plush texture supported by soft velvety tannins. Try it with a Jugged Rabbit Stew.

Cellaring: This will be great to drink within the next few years, but will gain more of the complex characters of Pinot Noir after 5-10 years of careful cellaring.

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

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