Best's GREAT WESTERN

TASTING NOTE

2017 NURSERY DRY RED

Made from Henry Best's first plantings of nearly 150 years ago, the ancient Nursery Block is a veritable vineyard museum with 39 separate varieties, 8 remaining unknown and unnamed to this day. A lighter bodied wine that explodes with the personality, soil and history of the vineyard site. This wine is made from numerous red varieties including those recorded by Henry Best as Black Prince, Bad Bearer, Rough Leaf, Grand Turk and the underrated Pinot Dru. This wine is not made every year, so we are thrilled when we have the opportunity to record this history in a bottle.

Technical Details

Region	Great Western, Victoria
Grape Variety	Nursery Block Red Field Blend
Alcohol	12.5 %

Tasting Notes

Colour	Vibrant purple with a garnet hue.
Bouquet	Intense aromatics display a large spectrum of fruits with notes of rose petals, tobacco leaf, golden peaches and warm spices.
Palate	Light to medium bodied but has a multitude of crunchy and vibrant flavours with a savoury, velvety and moreish finish. A great, easy-drinking red that would pair with a variety of cuisine. Try it slightly chilled (14°C) with Tomato Gazpacho soup.
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.

REVIEWS & AWARDS

James Halliday 2019 Wine Companion

14 different varieties plus several unidentified; co-fermented; matured in old American puncheons for 8 months. Is the history of the wine more important than its quality or vice versa? It's a good question, and I will go for history. The wine is as fresh as a spring day with light red fruits akin to Pinot Noir or Grenache in a light mode.
Rating: 95 Points   **To:** 2030