



TASTING NOTE

2017 OLD CLONE PINOT NOIR

In 1967, for the first time, Best's made wine solely from the Miller's Burgundy planting of 1868 (prior to that it's believed it was always blended). In the mid 1980's, Danny Schuster, a viticulturist and author of several viticultural books, identified that the small amount of Pinot Noir amongst the Pinot Meunier vines was of two different clones. One of Swiss and one of French origin. The French clone was deemed superior, so eleven further rows of the French selection were planted in 1988 alongside the original planting. The clones are very old and Best's still has the original 1868 vines which could be the oldest living Pinot Noir vines in the world.

This wine is made solely from the rare and unique Best's Old Clone Pinot Noir.

Technical Details

Region	Great Western, Victoria
Grape Variety	Pinot Noir
Alcohol	12.5%
Winemaker	Justin Purser

Tasting Notes

Colour	Vibrant scarlet with a crimson hue.
Bouquet	Intense and powerful aromas of strawberry leaf, dark red fruits, potpourri, salami and fragrant wood spices.
Palate	Fine, but intense rounded red fruits, with silky tannins and lots of persistence. A unique wine that defines the site where it is grown.
Cellaring	This wine is built for medium term cellaring and drinks well after 2 years, but will gain complexity after 5-8 years of cellaring and could be kept for up to 15-20. This wine would be a great match to a confit duck leg with duck fat roasted beetroots, carrots and potatoes.
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

Excellent colour, and there's a purity to the aroma, flavor and mouthfeel that is striking. Plum, strawberry and cherry and bound tight together by an invisible yet relentless force, at once a single flavour, yet any. Complex? Yes, very, but beautiful.

Rating 95 points Drink To 2032