



## TASTING NOTE

### **2017 GREAT WESTERN 13 ACRE CABERNET**

The first vineyard you will encounter at the entrance of Best's. Consisting mainly of Cabernet Sauvignon with smaller quantities of Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Petit Verdot, this vineyard produces tiny amounts of intensely flavoured fruit.

Only produced when the conditions are right to fully ripen the Cabernets and attain the balance and complexity achieved with the other varieties. This wine was reincarnated in 2012, the first time since 2005, as in November 2006 the vineyard was hit with a severe frost when the temperature plummeted to  $-7^{\circ}\text{C}$ . It took this time and lots of careful nurturing for the vines to recover and regain their balance.

#### **Technical Details**

<b>Region</b>	Great Western, Victoria
<b>Grape Variety</b>	Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot and a tiny amount of Petit Verdot.
<b>Alcohol</b>	13.5% Picked: Mid April 2017 Bottled: 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2018
<b>Winemaker</b>	Justin Purser

#### **Tasting Notes**

<b>Colour</b>	Dark red with a bloody garnet hue.
<b>Bouquet</b>	A lifted nose of coriander seed, liquored dark fruits and spicy oak.
<b>Palate</b>	Dark cherries swirled in double cream and a hint of dark cocoa are presented in a fine porcelain dish of finely sculpted savoury tannins that last until the next mouthful beckons.
<b>Cellaring</b>	This wine will soften and form more complex aromatics and flavours over the next 15 years.
<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. A vintage that has more resemblance to those of the 80s and 90s than the vintages of this century.





## **AWARDS & REVIEWS**

James Halliday 2020 Wine Companion – 94 points