



TASTING NOTE

2018 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: Vibrant garnet with a vermillion hue.

Bouquet: Exudes warm spices with brambly undertones. The hint of integrated smoky oak mingles with dark cherry nuances.

Palate: Finely weighted with a kick of spice and juicy dark cherries. Velvety tannins round out the finish. Try it with Peking Duck.

Cellaring: 8 -12 years

Vintage: The vineyard got off to a great start, but dry conditions throughout the spring triggered a devastating frost on 4th November. The grapes on the lower vineyards were lost, but those on higher elevations were largely unaffected. Apart from a few warm days in January the conditions were excellent and perfect ripening weather continued long into the Autumn.



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JAMES HALLIDAY 2020 WINE COMPANION

From vines planted in the 80's as cuttings taken from Best's ancient pinot planted in 1866. Deeply coloured, its bouquet and palate are driven by red cherry, pomegranate and rose petals. It is a pinot with power, and no intention of falling over within the next 20+ years.

Rating: 95 points Drink now to 2038

AWARDS

2019 Sydney Wine Show - Silver