



## TASTING NOTE

# 2019 GREAT WESTERN BIN NO. 0 SHIRAZ



Shiraz has been produced at Best's Great Western since the late 1800s, although the actual date of the first Bin 0 Shiraz is lost in the annals of time. What is certain is that Bin 0 as a descriptor on the wine label has been in use for over 100 years. Best's Bin 0 Shiraz is produced from the four original Shiraz plantings in the low yielding blocks of the historic Concongella vineyard at Great Western. This includes nineteenth century and mid twentieth century plantings of Shiraz which result in very low yielding, intense vines. The fruit is hand-selected, sorted and fermented in small-batches and matured in the finest barrels in our underground cellar.

Bin 0 is made to be an age worthy style and has been the undisputed icon of Great Western Shiraz for many decades. It is internationally acclaimed as one of Australia's great Shiraz wines.

The esteemed Langton's Classification of Australian Wine upgraded Bin 0 Shiraz in Classification V 2010 from the "Distinguished" to "Excellent" category and in Classification VII 2018 from the "Excellent" to "Outstanding" category.

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

<b>Region</b>	Great Western
<b>Grape Variety</b>	Shiraz - Picked: mid March 2019 - Bottled: 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2020
<b>Alcohol</b>	14%
<b>Winemaker</b>	Justin Purser

### TASTING NOTES

<b>Colour</b>	Dark red with a mauve hue.
<b>Bouquet</b>	Closed and broody then opens with layers of grilled meats, baked earth, Szechuan pepper, potpourri, black and blue berries with some nutty oak in the background.
<b>Palate</b>	Pure and intense fruit drives the palate with the plush black/ blue spectrum drawn in with a long, poised tannin structure and aftertaste.  Try it with Beef Wellington
<b>Cellaring</b>	Will reward both short term to long term cellaring (20 years+).
<b>Vintage</b>	A warm, dry growing season meant the vines ripened quickly and crops were lower than average. Sufficient water supply ensured the grapevines remained in good health and some February rain gave the vines a well-deserved drink and freshened them up before the grapes were harvested.

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## AWARDS AND REVIEWS

### REVIEWS

**The Real Review** – *Huon Hooke, Jan 2022* Deep red/purple colour, with aromas of mixed spices with pepper and clove uppermost, dark chocolate too, some sweet eucalypt-forest touches and deeply-buried dark plum and blackberry. Brown spices galore. It's rich and concentrated in the mouth, not a blockbuster but certainly very full-bodied, yet balanced and supple in its mouth-feel. Oak makes a subtle contribution. A long finish and very age worthy. Drink now to 2044.

***Rating: 96 points***

**2021 Global Fine Wine Challenge** – Full-flavoured expression in a medium-bodied and beautifully elegant wine with prominent yet well judged toasty oak driving the masses of dark fruit with hints of black olive, white pepper and bay leaf. Excellent Length. One of Australia's favourites.

**Ageing:** 18 years **Average Rating:** 93 points

**2022 Halliday Wine Companion, Jeni Port** – Vines date back to as far as 1868, the youngest 1992. Right there you have an inkling of what is to come: a stunning concentration of fruit. Impressive, but the supply, savoury tannins are up to the task of meeting that deep intensity of black fruits, woody spice and violets. What a team for the future. Of course, this into to forget the vanillan warm-oak component. A wine of history that still stands firm today. Drink to 2040. ***Rating: 96 points***