



## TASTING NOTE

# 2019 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 Rhymney. 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

<b>Region:</b>	Great Western, Victoria
<b>Grape Variety:</b>	Pinot Noir
<b>Alcohol:</b>	12.5%
<b>Winemaker:</b>	Justin Purser

## TASTING NOTES

**Colour:** Deep crimson with a scarlet hue.

**Bouquet:** Sour cherry, dried mushroom and charcuterie are mingled with lifted notes of rose petals, cinnamon and roasted nuts.

**Palate:** Velvety red fruits, dried roses, savoury undergrowth characters and a smorgasbord of spices are wound into a fresh finish.

**Cellaring:** 10-15 years

**Vintage:** 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 freshening them up before the grapes were harvested.



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## **AWARDS AND REVIEWS**

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#### **2021 HALLIDAY WINE COMPANION – August 2020**

Under Justin Purser's Guidance, Pinot Noir constantly excels and morphs beautifully. This crackles with pleasure and the 50% whole bunches in the fermentation add sapidity as much as stemmy, albeit ripe, flavours. Cherries and pips, star anise and menthol, a palate that's light and bright with supple tannins and tangy citrusy acidity. Absurdly priced as in a bargain. **Rating: 95 points**