



TASTING NOTE

2020 GREAT WESTERN CABERNET FRANC

In 1982 Merlot was planted on the Concongella Vineyards' Thirteen- Acre Block. Imagine the surprise when half the vines behaved in a totally different manner: Best's were the proud owners of Cabernet Franc. As a surprise packet the vines and wines have proved their place in the Great Western portfolio. Cabernet Franc tends to be more aromatic and has a softer and brighter fruit flavour than its more famous cousin, Cabernet Sauvignon.

This wine was reincarnated in 2016, the first time since 2006, as in November 2006 the vineyard was hit with a severe frost when the temperature plummeted to -7°C. It took this time and lots of careful nurturing for the vines to recover and regain their balance. We are very happy to be able to release this wine, which we believe is a great example of the variety.

Technical Details

Region	Great Western, Victoria
Grape Variety	Cabernet Franc
Alcohol	13.5%
Winemaker	Justin Purser

Tasting Notes

Colour	Bright crimson with a purple hue
Bouquet	A very attractive nose of pomegranate, rose petals, cassis and Brazil nuts.
Palate	Succulent and plush dark berry flavours with velvety tannins and a lingering minerality. Lots of extract and flavour yet soft and graceful.
Cellaring	This youthful wine is great expression of the quality of Cabernet Franc possible in Great Western. This wine is drinking well now with food, but it will soften and gain complexity over the next 10- 15 years. Try it with Lamb Rogan Josh
Vintage	A hot and 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 a cool February ensured all the natural acidity was retained at harvest. The grapes had bundles of concentrated flavour and lots of vibrant acidity.



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