



TASTING NOTE

2017 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

Region	Great Western
Grape Variety	Shiraz - Picked: early April 2017 - Bottled: 14 th November 2018
Alcohol	14%
Winemaker	Justin Purser

Tasting Notes

Colour	Deep red with a ruby hue.
Bouquet	Layered and complex- blackberry, exotic spices, pastille, dried flowers, black pepper and dark cocoa.
Palate	Medium bodied with plush, slippery dark cherry fruits and fine long graphite tannins swirled with some tasty oak. Try it with Greek lamb salad
Cellaring	Will reward both short term to long term cellaring (20 years+).
Vintage	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 AND REVIEWS

REVIEWS

JAMES HALLIDAY 2020 WINE COMPANION

From vines planted 1868, 1966, '70 and '92, hand-picked, sorted, fermented with 25% whole bunches, the remainder whole berry, matured for 17 months in French barriques and hogsheads (20% new). The deepest colour and largest build of the Best's Shiraz's, here black and blue fruits have fine, but not apologetic tannins running alongside the fruits - which don't give it (the fruit) even a passing glance.

Rating: 96 points Drink now to 2037

JAMES SUCKLING TASTING REPORTS 2019

This has an array of wild red berries with a gently creamy edge to the palate that carries long, plush and silky tannin in a fine, precise style. Salty mineral kick at the finish. Drink now. Screw cap.

Rating: 94 points

WINEFRONT Dec 19 – Spicy, peppery, a bit reductive and meaty, red and blue fruits, aniseed and perfume. Medium-bodied, pretty firm in acidity, spicy and charred, wheatgerm and dried herb, grainy tannin, and a raspberry acidity finish of sure length. Tight now, and needs a bit of time to resolve.

Drink now – 2040 **94+ points**

THE REAL REVIEW – HUON HOOKE, June 2019

Sweaty, meaty, reductive aromas at first; youthful and bold, fresh and undeveloped. The wine is intense and firm, with a little (pleasant) bitterness in the tannins, bright and bold, youthful and quite solid, in need of some cellar-time. It has a very good depth and intensity of flavour. There's a sweet-fruit middle and considerable elegance. It showed more fruit and complexity with airing, including some pepper and a slight balsamic-herb bunchy note. Potential plus. A superb wine in the making. Footnote: a day later, exposure to air had brought more out of the wine. Wonderfully deep and complex.

Drink: 2021 – 2037 **Rating: 97 points**

SELECTOR May/June 2020

Bin No. 0 is made to be age worthy and has been the undisputed icon of the Great Western Shiraz style for many decades. It is internationally acclaimed as one of Australia's great Shiraz wines. The 2017 vintage is a full-flavoured expression in a medium-bodied and beautifully elegant frame with prominent yet well-judged toasty oak driving the masses of dark fruit with hints of black olive, white pepper and bay leaf.

GOURMET TRAVELLER

Bin 0 is a wine that deserves a place in every Aussie wine cellar. Our tasting panel scored this vintage 91 Points: "Aromatic nose, with sweet red and black fruits and a touch of cedar from oak. While just medium-bodied, it's rich and plump in the mouth with wonderful presence. A Victorian classic."



WINESTATE MAGAZINE -Clive Hartley, January 2022

Deep inky wine. On first approach the nose is a hint reductive, but then opens up to strong white pepper and lovely cured meats. Full bodied and savoury palate with primary black cherry flavours.

Accomplished wine, perfectly balanced, well integrated tannins with a long, long finish.