



## TASTING NOTE

# 2021 GREAT WESTERN DOLCETTO

Dolcetto, previously labelled Malbeck with a 'k', was first planted in the Nursery Block at Best's in the late 1860's, and all subsequent plantings at Best's have come from cuttings of these original vines. It has long been a topic of conversation as to why Henry Best chose to plant about 25% of the entire vineyard with what is, even today, a lesser-known variety.

Our old vineyard of Dolcetto predates all those in Italy bar one. Once it was established that the Malbeck was in fact Dolcetto in 1970, the Thomson family decided to take cuttings and plant some more 1971.



### Technical Details

<b>Growing Region</b>	Great Western, Victoria
<b>Grape Varieties</b>	Dolcetto
<b>Alcohol</b>	12.5 %
<b>Winemaker</b>	Justin Purser

### Tasting Notes

<b>Colour</b>	Bright Crimson Hue
<b>Bouquet</b>	Uplifted blue fruits with savory exotic spices of cumin, cardamine and cinnamon.
<b>Palate</b>	Fresh red fruits of cherry, with secondary jubey flavours of cherry-cola. Balanced with vibrant, juicy acidity and dark seed tannin. A lovely mix of primary and secondary flavours that leaves you wanting another sip.  Best paired with firm cheeses such as Gruyere  Good to drink in the short term but it should age well for 10 years or more
<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.



## **REVIEWS & AWARDS**

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