



## TASTING NOTE

# 2017 BART'S BLOCK SHIRAZ

Bart's Block is a very special parcel of dry grown Shiraz in the Concongella vineyard. Planted in 1966 with Best's Old Block Clone Shiraz and named to commemorate the birth of Hamish "Bart" Thomson in the same year. The soil in this vineyard is made up of quartz and granite gravels that formed part of the old creek bed. The free draining soils and the extensive root systems of the dry grown vines give the resultant wine a finesse and intensity that is unique to this site. This is the first time a single vineyard wine has been made from this block.

### Technical Details

<b>Growing Region</b>	Great Western, Victoria
<b>Grape Varieties</b>	Shiraz
<b>Alcohol</b>	13.5 %
<b>Winemaker</b>	Justin Purser

### Tasting Notes

**Colour** Deep purple with a magenta hue.

**Bouquet** A rich and inviting nose of black olives, pepper, blackberry, perfumed red florals and grilled nuts.

**Palate** Seductive and opulent fruit in a medium bodied frame of long velvety tannins and vibrant acidity with a softly drying finish.

Good to drink in the short term but this wine will improve in the cellar for 20 years or more.

**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 & REVIEWS**

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#### **HALLIDAY WINE COMPANION 2020**

The vineyard was planted in 66' to be released in 2020 to celebrate the Thomson Family's 100<sup>th</sup> year history and custodianship of the property and vineyard. Fermented with 25% whole bunches, matured in French oak (20%new). The colour is brilliant crimson, deep but bright. Yes, there's fantastic fruit that's been handled with kid gloves and yes, it's got '17 written all over it with its dazzling red fruits and (almost unseen) acidity to protect its freshness.

**Rating: 98 points - drink to 2047**

#### **THE REAL REVIEW, March 2021**

Deep ruby-red colour in the glass. A nose of white pepper, dry earth and blood plums. Medium-bodied but with ample dark fruit power. Layered with pepper, slate and boudin noir complexities that fill the palate until a fine grain of tannins cleans it up. There's a sense of calm here as it lingers forever on the palate. **Rating: 96 points, drink 2021 - 2036**