



## TASTING NOTE

# 2019 GREAT WESTERN SPARKLING SHIRAZ

Best's Great Western Sparkling Shiraz was re-introduced at Best's in 2006 after almost 40 years of absence. The sparkling Shiraz style is synonymous with Great Western and has been made in the region since the early 1900s.

Best's Sparkling Shiraz epitomises the regional characteristics with plenty of spice and plummy fruit characters. The base wine is left on yeast lees in bottle for 24 months or more and disgorged in the traditional method.

## TECHNICAL DETAILS

<b>Region:</b>	Great Western, Victoria
<b>Grape Variety:</b>	Shiraz
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.5%
<b>Winemaker:</b>	Justin Purser

## TASTING NOTES

**Colour:** Deep dark magenta with a glazed ruby hue.

A rocky mousse fills the glass then subsides to reveal a lace of fine persistent bubbles.

**Bouquet:** Intense and lifted aromatics of aniseed, black pepper, cherry cola and plum. Complexing savoury notes of star anise, tanned leather and chacuterie through maturation in barrel and time on lees in bottle.

**Palate:** Fresh and vibrant. Intense dark cherry fruit flavours, raisins, glazed fruitcake. The perfect accompaniment to celebrate Christmas 2022

**Vintage:** The vineyards set off to a great start in spring, but dry conditions prevailed throughout the remainder of the growing season. Crop levels were modest, providing Shiraz fruit of regional spice, concentration and balance.

An exceptional release of Sparkling Shiraz from our Great Western Vineyards.





## **AWARDS & REVIEWS**

### **REVIEWS**

#### **Australian Wine Guide** – *Clive Hartley, Jan 2022*

2 years on lees with 17gm/litre of residual sugar. Black cherry with a hint of jammy confectionary fruits. Palate retains its dryness due to a nice acid balance. Creamy palate that is elegant and fruit driven sitting still in the cherry, cola spectrum. Medium bodied and finish. Good representation of this traditional wine style for Great Western. **Highly recommended.**

#### **The Real Review** - Aaron Brasher, Feb 24

Lovely colour, dark and youthful with a vibrant purple mousse. Lifted aromas of plum, mulberry, sweet spice, white pepper and licorice. Plush and mouth-filling, there's a lovely opulence and brightness to the dark fruit flavours. Firm tannins and punchy acidity do their bit nicely on the finish and work with the powerful fruit admirably. Drink now to 2034 **Rating: 93 points**



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