



TASTING NOTE

2023 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 more on the back on the Concongella Vineyard in 1971. Then due to popularity more was planted last year at the Sugarloaf Creek Vineyard.

Technical Details

Growing Region	Great Western, Victoria
Grape Varieties	Dolcetto
Alcohol	12.5 %
Winemaker	Jacob Parton

Tasting Notes

Colour	Ruby Red with Crimson hue's
Bouquet	Fresh cherry, cranberry, and red fruit, coupled with savory notes of dried herb, and bay leaf.
Palate	Bright red primary fruit notes of cherry, and crushed cranberry. A complex mid-palate of dried herb, and white pepper spice. Finishes with crisp acidity and fine grain tannins. Our 2023 Dolcetto is a medium-full bodied red wine with cellaring potential for up to 10-15 Years. Best paired with tomato-based pasta, and charred meats.
Vintage	It began with a very wet spring. Rain and cool temperatures were the theme up until Christmas. Into the new year, the rain ceased, and some warmer weather followed. This led to the old vines being the most fruitful in recent memory. The 2023 vintage was long and late, which aided the youthfulness and complexity of this wine.





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