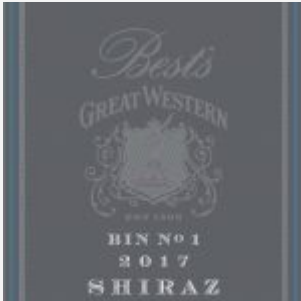


Best's Great Western Bin No. 1 Shiraz Australia 2017

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Final Deductions

VINTAGE 2017
GRAPE Syrah/Blend
GEOGRAPHY New World
COUNTRY Australia
LARGER REGION Victoria
SMALLER REGION Western Victoria
SUB REGION Grampians/Great Western

Rationale

Great Western is a sub-region of the Grampians wine region in Victoria, southeastern Australia. The historical area has been producing wine since the 1860s and is home to some of Australia's oldest wine estates. Shiraz is the region's key grape variety, making a more spiced, delicate red wine than those that come from South Australia to the west. Great Western is also the birthplace of the Australian sparkling Shiraz wine. Shiraz accounts for a large proportion of the wines made under the Great Western name.

Cool climate Great Western Shiraz is known being a well-balanced combo of tangy cherries, plums, licorice, damp coffee grounds, black olives, soft mint, and wild green herbs. They are full bodied but soft spoken, with smooth textured fruit, distinctive grainy tannins, and a savory earthy core.

Best's winery and vineyards are among Australia's best kept secrets. Indeed, the vineyards, with vines dating back to 1866, have secrets that may never be revealed: for example, one of the vines planted in the Nursery Block has defied identification and is thought to exist nowhere else in the world. Part of the cellars too, go back to the same era, constructed by butcher-turned-winemaker Henry Best and his family. The Thomson family has owned the property since 1920, with Ben, the 5th generation, having taken over management from father Viv. Best's Bin No. 1 is considered a classic and Australian icon in Shiraz.

Sight

BRIGHTNESS Star Bright
CLARITY Clear
COLOR DEPTH Medium
COLOR Ruby
RIM VARIATION Pink
Stained Tears: None

Structure

RESIDUAL SUGAR Dry
ACID Med+
ALCOHOL Med+
TANNIN Med+
TEXTURE Round / Smooth
FINISH Med+
COMPLEXITY High

Aroma & Taste

RED FRUIT Cherry / Red Tomato • Red Plum • Red Raspberry • Red / Sour Cherry *Condition: Fresh, Ripe*
BLACK FRUIT Black Raspberry • Black Cherry • Blackberry *Condition: Fresh, Ripe*
FLORAL Lavender • Rose • Violet *Condition: Fresh*
GREEN VEGETABLE Brussel Sprouts • Dark Leafy Greens • Olive (Green) • Arugula
OTHER VEGETABLE Fennel / Anise • Mushrooms (White) • Olive (Black) • Radishes • Beet Root
HERBAL Basil • Thyme • Mint / Eucalyptus • Garrique / Provence • Laurel / Bay Leaf
OTHER SPICES White Pepper • Black Pepper • Licorice (Black) • Licorice (Red) • Green Peppercorn
ORGANIC EARTH Forest Floor • Turned Dirt / Clay
INORGANIC EARTH Mineral / Rock
ANIMAL Meat
OAK AGING Yes *Oak Intensity: Low*
OAK INFLUENCE Blended Oak
OXIDATION/NUTTINESS Pistachio • Walnut • Chestnut