



TASTING NOTE

2021 GREAT WESTERN BIN NO. 0 SHIRAZ

Shiraz has been produced at Best's Great Western since the late 1800s, although the actual date of the first Bin 0 Shiraz is lost in the annals of time. What is certain is that Bin 0 as a descriptor on the wine label has been in use for over 100 years. Best's Bin 0 Shiraz is produced from 3 blocks at our Concongella vineyard; Bart's Block from 1966, Sparky's Block from 1970 and a selection from our White Gravels Hill block planted in the early 1990's. The fruit is hand-selected, sorted and fermented in small-batches and matured in the finest barrels in our underground cellar.

Best's Bin No. 0 Shiraz is made as an age-worthy style and has been an undisputed icon of Great Western wine for many decades. It is internationally acclaimed as one of Australia's great Shiraz wines. The esteemed Langton's Classification of Australian Wine VIII has the Bin No. 0 Shiraz listed as "Classified" Previously known as 'Outstanding' category from Classification VII in 2018.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Region	Great Western
Grape Variety	Shiraz
Alcohol	13.5%
Winemaker	Justin Purser & Jacob Parton

TASTING NOTES

Colour	A medium -deep intense red, with purple hues.
Bouquet	High tone blue primary fruits, with black pepper, clove, and cedar.
Palate	A delicious coupling of red and black primary fruits. Tones of red cherry, cranberry, blackberry, bramble. Complex creamy mid-palate of clove, cinnamon, and dried herb. Rich, chocolate tannins coat the mouth, and are well balanced with medium acidity. Best paired with; slow roasted lamb
Cellaring	This wine will cellar well for up to 20 Years.
Vintage	An excellent season with near perfect growing conditions right through to harvest. Adequate winter and spring rainfalls set the wines up to burst into life and sustain beautifully balanced growth throughout the summer. Autumn was ideal with little rainfall and warm conditions to ensure the grapes matured gracefully.





AWARDS AND REVIEWS

REVIEWS

Clive Hartley- May 2024

Best's has just released their icon wine, the Best's Great Western Bin No. 0 Shiraz (\$85) and it is a beautiful, elegant red. It displays blackberries, cassis, cedar oak with hints of cinnamon and nutmeg. The refined and elegant palate is juicy and more medium-bodied than full, making it approachable now. However, this wine has the reputation to age well. A good friend of mine shared his 2007 Bin 0 recently and the wine still had some primary fruit on the nose, with a smooth elegant palate.

Rob Geddes MW – June 2024

“Always a class act, this vintage is on another level. Classic regional style, with quiet power and focus, opens fruit-filled blackberry into a cascade of raspberry and sweet spice that smells very inviting.

It is understated now, and patience holds the key to even greater complexity and pleasure. Drink by 2055”

Rating: 96 points

Rick Allen – Newcastle Herald – July 2024

This is a wine with form – serious form, in fact – consistently regarded as one of Australia's leading shiraz. It makes Langton's Classification, which is reserved only for the very best wines in this country produces. It's certainly a flagship wine from the Grampians region. This latest offering, which has just hit the shelves, certainly measures up, packing a fair old punch for its medium-bodied frame.

The nose is perfumed of dark fruits, with an underlay of herbs and spice – cloves, bay leaf, and allspice. There are both red and black fruits in play here, with cherry and cranberry mingling with darker fruit to drive a long, lingering finish. Blackberry, cassis, black plum and bramble, medium-weighted but concentrated, punctuated by notes of cinnamon and crushed herbs. Soft and silky, this is a charmer. This wine took a bit of time to open up, so best to give it some time to breathe. It's good to go now, but if you can somehow manage to lay it down, you'll have a beauty on your hands. ***5 Star Rating***

Halliday Wine Companion 2025 – Campbell Mattinson, December 2023

This is understated and slightly surly, but its future is as bright as ever. It will need time. It tastes of black cherries, saltbush, dark earth and herbs, with a thin layer of cedarwood oak helping to tie it all together. Tannin is fine and filigreed; length is pulsing and assured. It's medium in weight, and it will become more expressive as it matures. ***Rating: SILVER 94 points***

The Wine Advocate, Erin Larkin - Nov 2024

The 2021 Great Western Shiraz Bin No 0 is, as usual, a vibrant, pure, silky wine with lashings of red fruits and exotic spices: star anise, shaved fennel, cassis, raspberry, licorice and more. This is a lovely wine to drink now, due to the aforementioned, but it represents a savvy cellaring proposition as well. I have been fortunate enough to taste back to the 1967 vintage (earlier this year, at the estate), and the wines, with age, adopt a profound, ethereal quality. And these days, you won't have to contend with the corks. This comes highly recommended, 13.5% alcohol, sealed under screw cap. Drink now to 2051. ***Rating: 95 points***