

# Best's Great Western 'Thomson Family' Shiraz 2017



## Tasting Notes:

Slightly closed at first, this wine evolves and changes in the glass with layers of aroma including red flowers, crushed pepperberries, fennel, charcuterie, cocoa, dark cherry and blackberry. The palate is a cornucopia of fresh fruits with a seam of mouth-watering spice and fine-grained tannins knitting the wine together.

## Production Notes:

This Shiraz is produced from Henry Best's original 1868 Shiraz plantings, mother clone of all subsequent Shiraz plantings at Best's Great Western.

This wine is made only in exceptional years, on average about six times a decade. It is hand-harvested, selected, sorted and hand plunged and fermented in small open fermenters. 50% crushed, 45% whole berry, 5% whole bunch.

## About Best's Great Western:

Best's has been proudly producing world-class wines for over 148 years in Victoria's Great Western region. As one of Australia's oldest and continuously family owned and operated wineries, they craft extraordinary and iconic wines of elegance and longevity.

## Cellaring:

Drink now through 2050.

**Best's Great Western 'Thomson Family' Shiraz 2017.** *"Predominantly from the 1868 plantings, with lesser amounts from 1996 and '70, hand-picked and sorted, 50% crushed, 45% whole berry, 5% whole bunch. You'd stand up for royalty, and that's this wine. To use the spit bucket is lese majeste. Just savour it, drop by drop, as it magically finds its way unbidden down your throat. It's got the full rainbow of cool-grown shiraz flavors, a conjunction with a year made for it by Dionysis, and, glory be, comes with a screwcap."*  
– 99 points, James Halliday. 5x dz available.