

Penfolds

BIN 389

CABERNET SHIRAZ 2002

Created by the legendary Max Schubert – creator of Penfolds Grange – Bin 389 is often referred to as ‘Poor Man’s Grange’ or ‘Baby Grange’, in part because components of the wine are matured in the same barrels that held the previous vintage of Grange.

First made in 1960, this was the wine that helped to build Penfolds’ solid reputation with red wine drinkers. Combining the structure of cabernet with the richness of shiraz, Bin 389 also exemplifies Penfolds’ skill in balancing fruit and oak. A classic Australian style with a clear Penfolds identity.



VINEYARD REGION	McLaren Vale, Padthaway, Bordertown, Barossa Valley, Langhorne Creek.
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	Regular winter rainfalls ensured ideal soil moisture levels and healthy vine growth. Spring and summer temperatures were amongst the lowest on record, which reduced yield potential, as well as slowing overall crop ripening to a crawl. A warm, dry autumn eventuated, which, combined with careful vineyard management, enabled the grapes to reach ideal ripeness.
GRAPE VARIETY	Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz (Syrah)
MATURATION	The wine was matured for twelve months in 22% new, 67% one year old, and older American oak hogsheads.
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol: 14.50% Acidity: 6.50g/L pH: 3.55
LAST TASTED	18-Oct-04
PEAK DRINKING	Now - 2016
FOOD MATCHES	Ideally suited to Beef, Duck & Game, Lamb

Winemaker comments by Peter Gago

COLOUR

Dense, deep red.

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Vibrant, lively aromas are immediately apparent without any need to swirl the glass. Aromas of mocha meshed with concentrated Satsuma plum, liquorice and cold meats. Subtle smoky oak and background florals complete the offering.

PALATE

Full flavoured and persistent across the palate and displaying great balance between fruit, oak, acid and tannin. Blackberry and blackcurrant fruit flavours, courted by mouth puckering cabernet tannins, effortlessly convey chocolatey, mocha flavours and cedary oak. A classic Bin 389, right up there with the best, with long term cellaring potential of over twelve years.