

"A contemporary shiraz/cabernet expression - classic birthright yet sculptured altogether differently ... French oak & mode of élevage complicit."

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BLEND 10

Barossa Valley Shiraz and Coonawarra Cabernet 2018

A wine of exceptional character and pedigree. This contemporary shiraz and expressive cabernet sauvignon blend exudes Penfolds *House Style*, with regional representation from both Barossa Valley and Coonawarra. An exuberant wine balancing length and opulence, while remaining elegant and poised.

GRAPE VARIETY

59% Shiraz, 41% Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARD REGION

Barossa Valley and Coonawarra

WINE ANALYSIS

Alc/Vol: 14.5%, Acidity: 7.1 g/L, pH: 3.53

MATURATION

16 months in French oak hogsheads (100% new)

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Above-average winter and spring rainfall offered vines in the Barossa Valley healthy soil moisture profiles for the growing season. Coonawarra had a warm growing season, by regional standards, with average rainfall. For both regions, weather conditions during ripening were generally dry with prevailing conditions favouring fully ripened grapes with well developed colours and flavours.

COLOUR

Vibrant dark cherry

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Immediately unleashed - a rush of raspberry and liqueur chocolate laced with cocoa powder. Lurking beneath - scents of uncured meats - arguably carpaccio replete with salted capers. And above - wafts of sandalwood (oak?), sumac spice and alluring volatiles sublime and fill the glass. Shiraz cabernet or cabernet shiraz? Hard to ID, and really no need...

PALATE

Dark & brooding, extolling an automatic presence and assured stature. A lush amalgam of dark satsuma plum & mulberry fruits abet ripe tannins and supportive acidity. 100% new oak is certainly well aligned and structurally dovetailed - excuse the pun. Texturally seamless, no edges. Impressive length and dimension. Neither timid nor brutish; balanced. Demands air/decant.

PEAK DRINKING

2022 - 2045

LAST TASTED

January 2020