

Sixty years ago, Bin 389 immediately validated the merits of the blending synergy of Australian cabernet sauvignon & shiraz. This wine reaffirms this wonderful union.

This Limited Release is destined to age long and gracefully, as expected of a Bin 389 derivative; it certainly won't disappoint.

Dare we say ... "Claret-like".

Noted: twice the amount of new oak as a 'regular' Bin 389. Easily handled, thanks to the quality of the fruit & oak used for this very special homage blend.

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# LIMITED RELEASE 2018 CABERNET SHIRAZ

To honour 60 years since its inception, Penfolds winemakers selected exemplar Bin 389 parcels to create this Limited Release. Encapsulating Penfolds time-honoured blending philosophy, this wine offers an alternative expression of a 2018 cabernet shiraz.

#### GRAPE VARIETY

54% Cabernet Sauvignon, 46% Shiraz

#### VINEYARD REGION

McLaren Vale, Coonawarra, Padthaway, Barossa Valley, Wrattenbully

#### WINE ANALYSIS

Alc/Vol: 14.5%, Acidity: 7.1 g/L, pH: 3.58

#### MATURATION

18 months in oak hogsheads (67% new)

#### VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Relatively dry conditions coupled with near long-term winter/spring temperatures indicated an early start to the growing season. Warm and sunny weather prevailed throughout spring providing optimal conditions for flowering and fruit-set. Barossa Valley experienced 22 days of temperature greater than 35°C in summer, while McLaren Vale experienced 17 days greater than 35°C. Coonawarra, Padthaway and Wrattenbully also had a warm, dry growing seasons by regional standards. Late flowering and the delayed onset of veraison throughout the south-east slowed harvest by a few weeks. The warm, dry weather carried into autumn, setting up an Indian summer with favourable conditions for ripening both shiraz and cabernet sauvignon grapes.

#### COLOUR

Deep lustrous magenta

#### NOSE

Immediately fresh and lively.

Very South Australian – brazen formic plumes strut above, whilst polished boot leather aromatics lurk below. Scents of dehydrated strawberry & raspberry coulis propelled ahead of more familial cherry pip & sarsaparilla. Overt & extrovert (sandalwood) oak, coupled with a mix of roasted nuts (pecan/pistachio/hazelnut/walnut), conspire to monopolise attention.

#### PALATE

*Awakened:* Integrated fruit/oak/tannin – all melding together – a 'congress' of cabernet & shiraz niceties.

*Noted:* Fine acidity. Tannins that are fine & rounded. Both appetite-inducing!

*Tasted:* Red berries abound – cranberry & cherry pip ... and via this fruited conduit, enhanced natural acidity and flavour.

*Acknowledged:* Succulent, exuberant and certainly celebrating, not concealing oak.

*Concluded:* Very nicely balanced. Stylish & assured.

*Remembered:* The complete package – justifiably offering a respectful salute to the original Bin 389 blueprint.

#### PEAK DRINKING

2022 – 2052

#### LAST TASTED

May 2020