Penfolds Max’s Cabernet Sauvignon is a tribute to former Chief Winemaker Max Schubert 1948-1975, a legend in Penfolds history. Max’s constant pursuit of excellence paved the way for those who followed in his footsteps and also allowed the status and heritage of Penfolds to grow. Max’s Cabernet Sauvignon displays the Penfolds ‘stamp’ inspired by Max Schubert.

GRAPE VARIETY  Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARD REGION  Wrattonbully, Padthaway, Coonawarra, McLaren Vale, Port Lincoln.

WINE ANALYSES  Alc/Vol: 14.5%, Acidity: 6.9 g/L, pH: 3.64

MATURATION  12 months in new (10%) & seasoned French oak.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS  Autumn and winter rainfall were above the long-term average. Rain stopped abruptly in early August with only light showers observed throughout spring. Low top soil moisture halted canopy growth early in the season giving vines an open canopy. A significant rainfall event in early January was a defining moment, giving the vines a much needed boost during veraison. February brought weekend heat spikes, pushing mean maximum temperatures well above the average resulting in early ripening and harvest.

OVERVIEW  Dark reds, magenta core

NOSE  Red currants, cranberry and dried Italian herbs.

PALATE  Cabernet line and length. Red, blue and black fruits melded with sweet spiced cinnamon. Vanilla Chai and cedar oak. Fine silky tannins add savoury balance and length to the palate.

PEAK DRINKING  Now to 2024

LAST TASTED  November 2016