

MAX'S

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

2018



OVERVIEW	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.	COLOUR	Bright crimson with medium plum core
GRAPE VARIETY	Cabernet Sauvignon	NOSE	All the hallmarks of classic cabernet sauvignon are present and accounted for. First impressions are reminiscent of a stroll through the garden. Earthy, leafy notes prevail with dried native mint adding a lovely herbal note. Further investigation reveals cocoa powder, red currants and blood orange. Underlying cedar notes and cherry wood add further oak derived intrigue.
VINEYARD REGION	South Australia	PALATE	An abundance of delightful primary fruit characters with blueberries, strawberries and pomegranates competing for attention. French and American oak maturation characters add a pleasing creaminess and weight to the palate with a distinctive hazelnut signature. Firm tannins with length and drive are supported by a seam of refreshing acidity.
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol: 14.5%, Acidity: 6.4 g/L, pH: 3.60	PEAK DRINKING	Now - 2028
MATURATION	12 months in French and American oak, 10% new oak (French)	LAST TASTED	February 2020
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	Above-average winter and spring rainfall offered the vines across South Australia healthy soil moisture profiles for the growing season. Cool days and cooler nights slowed vine growth in early spring with temperatures warming in October. Late flowering and veraison delayed harvest by a few weeks. Weather conditions during ripening were generally dry with conditions favouring fully ripened grapes with well-developed colours and flavours.		