

MAX'S
PINOT NOIR
2018



OVERVIEW

Penfolds Max's Pinot Noir 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 allowed the status and heritage of Penfolds to grow. Max's Pinot Noir continues our exploration and endeavor with this varietal, drawing inspiration from the legacy of Max Schubert, a Penfolds winemaking legend.

GRAPE VARIETY

Pinot Noir

VINEYARD REGION

Tasmania, Henty

WINE ANALYSIS

Alc/Vol: 14%, Acidity: 5.8 g/L, pH: 3.58

MATURATION

Seven months in French oak barriques (14% new)

**VINTAGE
CONDITIONS**

A terrific year for Tasmanian Pinot Noir with winter and spring rainfall slightly below the long term average, while temperatures tended towards the warmer end of the spectrum. Henty had a wet start to spring with several thunderstorms in November. December was dry in both regions with mild to warm conditions, while January temperatures were notably warm. Favorable conditions prevailed through to harvest with fruit bearing strong varietal character.

COLOUR

Bright cherry red

NOSE

Enticing aromatics, with exotic fruits of the forest leaping from the glass. Raspberry, black cherry, olive tapenade and oolong tea are framed by a subtle char-toast character. Hints of sea spray and a distinct Campari note linger.

PALATE

The gorgeous aromatics flow through to the palate, with fresh dark cherries and raspberries to the fore. Underlying subtle red spice, sumac and paprika compliment rosemary and oregano herbaceous flavours. Quartz like acidity provides vibrancy, framed by fine "al dente" tannins.

PEAK DRINKING

Now - 2021

LAST TASTED

May 2019

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