



MAX'S
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SHIRAZ CABERNET
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SOUTH AUSTRALIA
2016

OVERVIEW	Penfolds Max's Shiraz Cabernet 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. A more approachable Penfolds style at release - ideally shelf to glass, save the cellar.	COLOUR	Crimson core with magenta brightness at the rim
GRAPE VARIETY	77% Shiraz, 23% Cabernet	NOSE	A bluestone slatiness and waft of iron filings immediately captures attention, a Cabernet influence/lift perhaps? Almond cake sweetness and white chocolate create a web with boysenberry and blue fruit aromatics.
VINEYARD REGION	McLaren Vale, Wrattenbully, Padthaway, Langhorne Creek, Barossa Valley.	PALATE	Structural grip and defined tannins wraps around a palate full of blueberry and mulberry brightness. Black olive and brine-like Nori savouriness add an extra dimension so that fruit doesn't stand alone.
WINE ANALYSES	Alc/Vol: 14.5%, Acidity: 6.3 g/L, pH: 3.62	PEAK DRINKING	Now to 2028
MATURATION	12 months in new American oak (6%) and new French oak (2%) with the balance in seasoned French and American oak.	LAST TASTED	December 2017
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	Autumn and winter were dry and cool across South Australia. Record-low rainfall prevailed through September to March, with some relief seen only in January and February. The climactic conditions meant the start of the growing season was slightly delayed in most regions. The relatively mild 'Indian' summer, characterised by an absence of extreme heat, ensured the fruit was able to ripen evenly and develop desirable flavours.		

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