Penfolds Bin 128 is one of the most distinctive reds in the Penfolds stable. Firstly, as a 'Coonawarra Shiraz', it is one of the few Penfolds reds that isn't a multi regional blend. It is also one of only two Penfolds reds, Clare Estate being the other, to be matured solely in French oak. French oak generally lends a wine understated, aromatic characters and is therefore a better choice with more subtly flavoured wines. Coonawarra typically produces zesty, spicy and supple Shiraz fruit that exhibits a richness of flavour and a mouth-filling roundness on the palate. Bin 128 is true to this style.

**VINEYARD REGION**
Coonawarra

**GRAPE VARIETY**
Shiraz (Syrah)

**MATURATION**
Matured for a period of 12 months in new (25%) and second and third use French oak.

**WINE ANALYSIS**

| Alc/Vol: | 12.50% |
| Acidity: | 6.10g/L |
| pH: | 3.59 |

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**PEAK DRINKING**
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**FOOD MATCHES**
Duck & Game, Lamb

**Winemaker comments by Phillip John**

**COLOUR**
Brick red

**NOSE**
A complex amalgam of aromas including raspberry, kirsch, chocolate, leather, and restrained, cedar-like French oak.

**PALATE**
Soft and approachable with sweet fruit characters complexed by white pepper and green peppercorn nuances. Subtle, vanillin oak pleasantly completes the picture.