



Bin 128 Coonawarra Shiraz

2009

Created in 1962, Penfolds Bin 128 is a regional wine that reflects the unique climate and growing conditions of South Australia's Coonawarra district and the relatively elegant style of cool-climate Shiraz. From the 1980 vintage, French oak replaced American, highlighting the pepper, spice and floral characteristics that define this style. Since the mid-1980s, a greater attention has been paid to fruit ripeness, resulting in a wine that is fuller in style and structure.

"Cool-climate elegance, defined / linear. Coonawarra... 2009!"

Penfolds Chief Winemaker - Peter Gago.



VINEYARD REGION	Coonawarra, South Australia.
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	Winter rains were below average and Spring was very dry, followed by healthy rainfall in December. January and February were incredibly dry with only 2.2 mm precipitation. Summer temperatures were mild and slightly above average for most of the growing season. The vineyards weathered four days of January heat unscathed as they were yet to go through veraison. A long and late harvest was conducive to excellent flavour development (the second latest vintage for the last ten years). Fruit for the 2009 Coonawarra vintage was picked in excellent condition.
GRAPE VARIETY	Shiraz
MATURATION	This wine was matured for 12 months in new (28%) and seasoned French oak hogsheads.
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol: 14.0% Acidity: 6.0g/L pH: 3.59
LAST TASTED	December 2010
PEAK DRINKING	2011 - 2024
FOOD MATCHES	Murray Valley Pork fillet, cannellini beans, morcilla, garden herbs, cauliflower cream (Penfolds Magill Estate Restaurant, Spring Menu 2010).

COLOUR

NOSE

PALATE

Winemaker comments by Peter Gago - Penfolds Chief Winemaker

COLOUR
Crimson red.

NOSE
An initial wave of savoury temptation - dried herbs, basil, cola, Chinese five-spice, malt, soy. Cold meats and red fruits entwined, with scents of stew(ing) rhubarb shyly making an appearance.

A suggestion of cedar and crushed black pepper - a reminder of analogous maturation and season.

PALATE
Medium-bodied. Youthful.

Bright, fresh raspberry & elderberry fruits... perhaps more evident upon sitting. Unobtrusive oak, totally absorbed and unwilling to reveal country of origin! White chocolate, fruit pastille, fruit jube... wishful or real?

Powdery / talc-coating tannins and refreshing & lively acidity on the finish.