

Penfolds

Bin 138 Old Vine Red

1998

Penfolds Old Vine Barossa Valley Shiraz-Grenache-Mourvedre is crafted from carefully selected fruit from low yielding, dry farmed Barossa Valley vines ranging in age from 40 to more than 100 years old. The final make-up of the blend is based on the performance of the three grape varieties each year with the focus being on rich, complex fruit and the warm earthiness derived from the old vines. This wine is age in seasoned oak barrels to enhance the highly concentrated fruit flavors without introducing any obvious oak characters.



VINEYARD REGION	Barossa Valley
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	1998 was an outstanding vintage. Winter rainfall had been below average in most districts with replenishing rains that brought vines back to balance in the spring. A dry warm summer led to an early harvest.
GRAPE VARIETY	Grenache, Mourvedre, Shiraz (Syrah)
MATURATION	Aged 16 months in seasoned (six years plus) American oak.
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol: 14.3% Acidity: 6.6g/L pH: 3.48
LAST TASTED	2000-08-28
PEAK DRINKING	2002 - 2007
FOOD MATCHES	Beef, Cheese, Lamb

Winemaker comments by
Phillip John

Deep magenta

A myriad of enticing scents that transform in the glass. Savory and floral aromas are perched against stewed compote of wild berries in maraschino liqueur. Laced with layers of refined spices - pepper, anise and cinammon.

Solid fruit core of dark and wild berries running across the palate with savory and earthy characters completing the package. Fleshy mouthfeel with heightened fruit tannins.

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