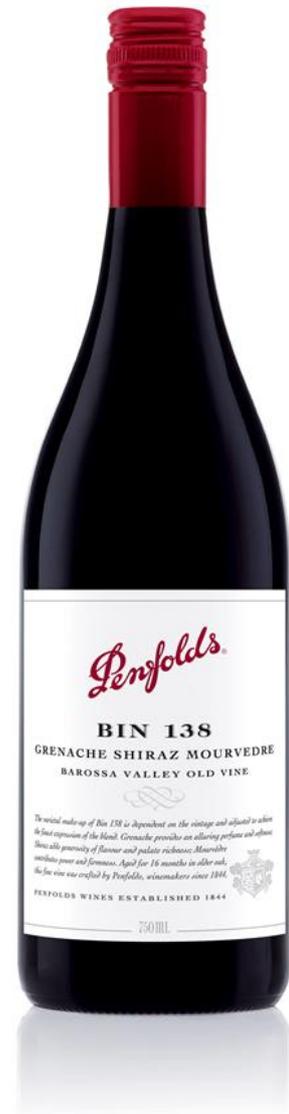




Bin 138 Shiraz Grenache Mourvedre 2005

The Barossa Valley was planted extensively with Shiraz, Mourvedre and Grenache by the early settlers. In the 1950s Penfolds started experimenting with blending Shiraz and the robust grape variety Mourvedre, launching Penfolds Bin 2 in 1960. It wasn't until 1995, in response to a growing international market for the highly perfumed wines of the Southern Rhone, that Penfolds introduced the 1992 vintage of the Old Vine Barossa Valley Shiraz Grenache Mourvedre.

The wine was elevated to the Bin range in 1998 as the 1998 Penfolds Bin 138. Sourced from old, low-yielding grapes from around the Barossa Valley, this is one of the few Penfolds wines that remains in component form during older, small-oak maturation and is blended just prior to bottling.



VINEYARD REGION	Barossa Valley
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	The 2005 vintage was of consistent good quality across all regions. Favourable seasonal conditions - particularly mild temperatures, with few sustained hot periods, and moderate and generally well timed rainfall - resulted in good quality and steady ripening of fruit, with full varietal characters being developed.
GRAPE VARIETY	Grenache (72%), Shiraz (15%), Mourvedre (13%)
MATURATION	This wine was matured for 17 months in seasoned French and American oak.
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol: 14.50% Acidity: 6.30g/L pH: 3.51
LAST TASTED	13.12.06
PEAK DRINKING	Now to 2012
FOOD MATCHES	Ideal with beef, duck and game.

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Winemaker comments by
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Deep plum red.

Unabashed, ripe and intense Grenache aromas are immediately obvious, with some Shiraz spices (cinnamon and musk) and dark liquorice notes also on offer. Dark berried fruits and cherry aromas are also evident, as is a hint of oak and a background 'inkiness'.

Fresh and lively! Full flavoured, rich and generous. Wild raspberry and loganberry fruit flavours meld with round, ripe chewy tannins. A suggestion of oak is present, not so much a flavour, but more an added structural tightness.

The 2005 Bin 138 is true to style with a mix of ripe varietal flavours derived from older Barossa vines, unencumbered by any new oak. This vintage does demand a decant!