



Bin 138

BAROSSA VALLEY SHIRAZ GRENACHE MOURVEDRE 2006

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. 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 with the 1998 Penfolds Bin 138. Sourced from old, low-yielding Barossa Valley vines, 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	2006 was a relatively early vintage, with low rainfall and warm weather contributing to an early budburst and flowering. Mild to warm weather throughout summer helped the fruit to mature well and assisting rains prior to harvest allowed fruit to ripen well with good varietal character.
GRAPE VARIETY	Shiraz (39%), Grenache (32%), Mourvedre (29%)
MATURATION	This wine was matured for 16 months in five year old French and American oak hogsheads.
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol: 14.50% Acidity: 6.40g/L pH: 3.43
LAST TASTED	1.11.2007
PEAK DRINKING	2009 - 2018
FOOD MATCHES	Aperitif, Cheese, Duck & Game

COLOUR

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PALATE

Winemaker comments by Peter Gago - Penfolds Chief Winemaker

Radiant, deep red.

The bouquet is distinctive and different - as has been this blend's raison d'etre for the past 15 vintages. Higher aromatic notes are achieved, not quite floral, but of crushed petal, fennel, caraway and juniper berry. Wafts of freshly kneaded dough (pumpernickel bread) and glaceed fruits develop with minimal, if any, oak influence.

Glossy, exuberant and fleshy, the palate is rich and full with an excellent weight afforded by the vintage. Berried Barossa Shiraz, Grenache and Mourvedre fruits each bring their own varietal flavour and structure imprint to the blend, as integrated, ripe tannins align comfortably with covert oak.