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.

Winemaker comments by
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COLOUR
Radiant, deep red.

NOSE
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 glazed fruits develop with minimal, if any, oak influence.

PALATE
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.