Bin 2 Shiraz / Mourvedre
2001

Penfolds Bin 2, from its first vintage in 1960, was the result of experimental work by Penfolds winemakers to create a medium-bodied, soft-finishing ‘Australian Burgundy’ style, based on Shiraz. Mourvedre grapes were added to soften the Shiraz’s intense varietal characters. Bin 2 reflects Penfolds’ multi-region, multi-vineyard blending policy, which enables winemakers to reduce the impact of vintage variation and produce consistent wines every vintage.

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GRAPES VARIETY

Mourvedre, Shiraz (Syrah)

MATURATION

This wine was matured in older oak.

WINE ANALYSIS

Alc/Vol: 13.5%
Acidity: 6.60g/L
pH: 3.55

LAST TASTED

2002-11-18

PEAK DRINKING

Now - 2006

FOOD MATCHES

Pasta, Pizza, Veal

Winemaker comments by Peter Gago - Penfolds Chief Winemaker

COLOUR

Bright plum.

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A noticeable Mourvedre contribution to this release offers spice and floral (violet) aromas. There is also an earthiness and meatiness set against wild raspberry fruits, in keeping with the Bin 2 style.

PALATE

Rich and full. There is a lovely smooth mouthfeel and texture, with softened, non-oak derived tannins. Ripe fruits induce a generous mid-palate richness. Ready now, and providing excellent drinking!