Bin 2 was first released in 1960, yet was temporarily discontinued in Australia in the 1970s at the height of the white wine boom. The original Bin 2 was an ‘Australian Burgundy’ style (despite its Rhône varieties) – typically a soft, medium-bodied wine based on shiraz. The Bin 2 blend of shiraz and mataro is still relatively uncommon in Australian table wines. Also known as monastrell or mourvèdre, mataro was introduced to Australia in the 1830s. Often used in fortified wine production, this grape is widely planted in the Barossa Valley. It is valued by winemakers for its blending attributes, adding complexity and palate grip. Interest in Bin 2 has grown as the popularity of traditional Rhône varieties and blends continues to flourish.

### Grape Variety

- **Shiraz**: 82%
- **Mataro**: 18%

### Vineyard Region

- Upper Adelaide
- Wrattonbully
- Barossa Valley
- Padthaway
- McLaren Vale
- Langhorne Creek

### Wine Analysis

- **Alc/Vol**: 14.5%
- **Acidity**: 6.7 g/L
- **pH**: 3.62

### Maturation

- 12 months in seasoned French (83%) & American oak (17%)

### Colour

- Deep red

### Nose

- No sooner poured and a lively, unmistakable ‘Bin 2’ nose immediately projected. Inviting. Alongside red wine familial are scents of fresh mettwurst and venison carpaccio. Also detected: lightly seared or tartare(d) beef. Indian spices and also mustard seed arise. Possibly a skerrick of rosemary, pepper?

### Palate

- Medium-bodied.
- Succulent, juicy, fresh. Oak in hiding?
- Above an alluring savoury base are disparate flavours of quince tart and sticky date pudding.

### Peak Drinking

- Now - 2023

### Last Tasted

- August 2017

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“Quite the journey – 55 years of courtship – shiraz (syrah) & mataro (mourvèdre).”
“A time-proven duet – still Old-World-ish; still matured in old, small oak; still Bin 2!”

Peter Gago  
Penfolds Chief Winemaker