



Bin 389 Cabernet Shiraz

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Bin 389 and other wines in the Penfolds Bin-range 'family' of red wines - 28, 128 and 707 - were the result of Max Schubert's constant experimentation during the 1950s and 1960s.

Bin 389 combines the elegance of Cabernet Sauvignon with the richness of Shiraz and demonstrates the traditional Penfolds' trademark - balance between fruit and oak, in a wine with rich varietal characters and medium to long-term cellaring potential.



VINEYARD REGION	South Australia
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	A cool summer - and delayed ripening - was followed by warm weather in late March and April. Winter rainfall had been excellent in most districts and good rains continued into September and past bud-burst.
GRAPE VARIETY	Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz (Syrah)
MATURATION	13 months in a combination of new (24 percent) & used American oak
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol: 14.00% Acidity: 6.60g/L pH: 3.52
LAST TASTED	Penfolds Rewards of Patience, Sixth edition, 2008.
PEAK DRINKING	Now - Penfolds Rewards of Patience, Sixth edition, 2008.
FOOD MATCHES	Beef

Winemaker comments by Penfolds Rewards of Patience, Sixth edition, 2008.

COLOUR

Medium deep red.

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Soft cassis minty, cedar, herb garden aromas with some saddle leather notes.

PALATE

The wine is ready to drink with soft gentle cassis, coffee, herb flavours and grainy dry tannins. Finishes quite grippy but there's plenty of length. Probably at its best now.