Bin 389 Cabernet Shiraz
1999

Created by the legendary Max Schubert - creator of Penfolds Grange - Bin 389 is often referred to as 'poor man's Grange' ('baby Grange' in the U.S.) because components of the wine are matured in the same barrels that held the previous year's Grange.

First made in 1960, this was the wine that built Penfolds' solid reputation with red wine drinkers. Combining the structure of Cabernet with the richness of Shiraz, Bin 389 also exemplifies Penfolds' skill in balancing fruit and oak. A classic Australian style with a clear Penfolds identity.

VINEYARD REGION
South Australia

VINTAGE CONDITIONS
Dry conditions in spring and summer were alleviated by rain in February and March and yielded concentrated, ripe fruit. 1999 red wines will be best enjoyed in the short-to-medium term.

GRAPE VARIETY
Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz

MATURATION
13 months in American oak (22 per cent new).

WINE ANALYSIS
Alc/Vol: 13.90%
Acidity: 6.70g/L
pH: 3.50

LAST TASTED

PEAK DRINKING

FOOD MATCHES
Cheese, Lamb


Deep red.

Evolving more quickly than 1998. Ripe red and blackcurrant, chocolaty, licquorice aromas with a strong element of mocha, malt oak.

A flowing, supple palate with plenty of ripe, developing black fruit, chocolaty flabours, fresh new oak and savoury tannins. It finishes firm and gritty but there is plenty of fruit that follows through. This could turn out to be a great Bin 389, however it needs more time.