Bin 389 Cabernet Shiraz
2000

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
McLaren Vale produced solid, rich shiraz with genuine regional character whilst Padthaway was fortunate to miss most of the rainfall of further north. Coonawarra had a cool spring with rain at Christmas/New Year followed by very dry, hot conditions. Despite challenging conditions in the Barossa, some excellent shiraz was produced showing the district's hallmark sweetness and ripe tannin structure.

GRAPE VARIETY
Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz

MATURATION
14 months in new (22%) and 1 and 2-year-old American Oak.

WINE ANALYSIS
Alc/Vol: 13.50%
Acidity: 6.70g/L
pH: 3.54

LAST TASTED

PEAK DRINKING

FOOD MATCHES
Chicken, Duck & Game, Veal


COLOUR
Medium deep red.

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Red cherry, cassis, herb garden aromas.

PALATE
the palate is juicy and fresh with cassis, red cherry, leafy flavours, underlying savoury oak and slightly green, grippy tannins. It will hold but it won't improve.