Bin 389 Cabernet Shiraz
2003

Created by the legendary Max Schubert - creator of Penfolds Grange - Bin 389 is often referred to as 'Poor Man's Grange' or 'Baby Grange', in part because components of the wine are matured in the same barrels that held the previous vintage of Grange.

First made in 1960, this was the wine that helped to build 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
The 2003 growing season in South Australia was generally regarded as warm, starting with a dry winter and a warm, clear spring. This was followed by some episodes of heat through the summer, whilst cooler weather towards the end of the season relieved the vines in the run up to harvest.

GRAPE VARIETY
Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz

MATURATION
This wine was matured for 12 months in new (27%) and older American oak hogsheads.

WINE ANALYSIS
Alc/Vol: 14.50%
Acidity: 6.70g/L
pH: 3.56

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PEAK DRINKING

FOOD MATCHES
Beef, Duck & Game, Lamb


COLOUR
Deep red-purple.

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Cherry, herb garden, dried plum, chocolaty, nutmeg aromas.

PALATE
It's big, rich, dense and tightly packed with plenty of sweet-fruit, plum, herb, nutmeg characters and fresh but solid tannins. It finishes grippy firm but there's plenty of flavour length. An early drinking style.