Bin 407 Cabernet Sauvignon
1996

Launched with the 1990 vintage the Bin 407 reflects PENFOLDS aim to produce a premium Cabernet that is at once more affordable and more widely available than the Bin 707. This has been made possible as more premium Cabernet vineyards have come into bearing.

The resulting style of wine has proven to be quite different from Bin 707. Bin 407 shows more varietal characters of blackcurrant, mint, leafy overtones and subtle oak.

**VINEYARD REGION**
Coonawarra, Bordertown, Padthaway with small parcels from McLaren Vale and Barossa Valley in South Australia.

**VINTAGE CONDITIONS**
1996 was an outstanding year in Coonawarra, yielding some of the most exciting parcels of fruit for several years. Much needed rains replenished the soils during the winter across most of South Australia. The first half of the growing season was dry and cool allowing the fruit to set and mature slowly. The last two months of the season warmed to bring in physically mature, ripe complex fruit.

**GRAPE VARIETY**
Cabernet Sauvignon

**MATURATION**
Aged 12 months in new (30%) and used French (50%) and American oak (50%)

**WINE ANALYSES**
Alc/Vol: 13.50%
Acidity: 7.10g/L
pH: 3.52

**LAST TASTED**

**PEAK DRINKING**

**FOOD MATCHES**
Cheese, Lamb

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**WINEMAKER COMMENTS**

COLOUR
Deep red.

NOSE
Intense blackberry, mulberry, menthol aromas.

PALATE
Strong mint, mulberry, bitter chocolate characters pervade the wine. It has plenty of fruit richness, ripe plush tannins and flavour length. The wine is well balanced.