



BIN 9 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2013

“Right style, right weight, right now!”

“Calmly invoking a deliberate stylistic and structural point of difference to Bins 407 and 707.”

PETER GAGO
PENFOLDS CHIEF WINEMAKER

OVERVIEW Decades of investment in new vineyards across the best wine regions of South Australia afforded the Penfolds winemaking team the opportunity to craft a new wine, designated Bin 9. The first vintage was made at the Penfolds Nuriootpa winery in 2012. Adherent to Penfolds multi-regional philosophy, Bin 9 is sourced from vineyards across South Australia with a significant portion sourced from the ancient soils of McLaren Vale. Grapes were carefully selected on merit to suit this contemporary expression of Cabernet Sauvignon. Bin 9 can be enjoyed in the full flush of youth or cellared for the medium-term. A hallmark of the Bin wines is their ability to gain something extra with the passage of time. Further bottle maturation of this Bin 9 Cabernet Sauvignon will yield layers of complexity that are for now hiding behind brooding, youthful fruit and subtle oak.

GRAPE VARIETY Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARD REGION McLaren Vale, Langhorne Creek, Adelaide Hills, Upper Adelaide

WINE ANALYSIS Alc/Vol: 14.5%, Acidity: 6.5 g/L, pH: 3.51

MATURATION 12 months in 10% new French oak, 50% seasoned French oak and 40% seasoned American oak

VINTAGE CONDITIONS After a dry South Australian winter reminiscent of 2006, vines were in water deficit at the beginning of spring. Early budburst was noticeable across many regions and windy conditions during flowering were, in part, responsible for variable fruit set and lower than average yields come vintage. Warm days were dispersed throughout October, November and in early January, contributing to an early start to the 2013 harvest and a relatively short, condensed vintage. The dry and warm conditions, coupled with lower than average yields saw fruit develop with strong, structural tannins, great intensity and depth of flavour.

COLOUR Deep crimson

NOSE Fresh, with a relaxed European demeanour. Boysenberry, rhubarb and Granny Smith apple fruits are at the fore. Freshly dried herbs follow, woven around a mesh of tomato puree, celeriac and anise.

PALATE Medium-bodied, deftly proportioned. Red liquorice, sour-cherry, blackcurrant pastille...converging to a pomegranate acid 'bite' on the finish. Tannins – fine and elongated, classy. Background oak, with just a faint suggestion of cedar.

PEAK DRINKING Now – 2025

LAST TASTED December 2014