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 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.

GRAPE VARIETY

Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARD REGION

Wrattonbully, McLaren Vale, Coonawarra, Barossa Valley

WINE ANALYSIS

Alc/Vol: 14.5%, Acidity: 6.4 g/L, pH: 3.62

MATURATION

12 months in French Oak (10% new) and seasoned American Oak

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Above-average winter and early spring rainfall offered the vines in South Australia healthy soil moisture profiles for the growing season. Late spring and early summer were dry and warm with significant heat records being set. Warm weather prevailed during summer and throughout veraison, allowing grapes to develop evenly and with good intensity. These warm conditions came to an abrupt halt in the Barossa Valley and McLaren Vale in mid-February with a significant rainfall allowing for long slow ripening of the fruit in very good ripening conditions. Wrattonbully had a warm and generally dry ripening end to the season allowing for the development of strong varietal flavours.

COLOUR

Medium-red

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Bright and fresh blue fruits, and a varietal giveaway of black olive. A waft of spice/herb… curry leaf/tomato leaf, dill and fennel seed. Red liquorice and camphor (compliments of the oak?) complete the package.

PALATE

Medium-bodied

High-toned and racy, with non-Cabernet-like tannins! Yellow-bean paste, tomato paste and cassis flavours confirm the Cabernet DNA, nicely supported by cedaroky.

PEAK DRINKING

Now – 2022

LAST TASTED

February 2016

“Approachability the key here. Very appealing in youth, cellaring will be a challenge! Yet, no issue for those who do…”

PETER GAGO

PENFOLDS CHIEF WINEMAKER

BIN 9 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2014