The year Max Schubert retired from his post of Chief Winemaker, although he remained a consultant to Penfolds and kept an office at Magill until his death in 1994. He was succeeded as Chief Winemaker by Don Ditter, who had worked with Penfolds as a winemaker since 1946. Penfolds 1975 Grange won two gold and five other medals at Australian wine shows between 1976 and 1981.

VINEYARD REGION
Barossa Valley (including Kalimna Vineyard), Coonawarra.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS
Cool summer followed by a mild, dry vintage.

GRAPE VARIETY
Shiraz (90%), Cabernet Sauvignon (10%)

MATURATION
Eighteen months in new American oak hogsheads.

WINE ANALYSIS
Alc/Vol: 13.40%
Acidity: 5.80g/L
pH: 3.85

LAST TASTED
1999-09-01

PEAK DRINKING
Now

FOOD MATCHES
Mature cheddar cheese

Winemaker comments by Don Ditter

COLOUR
Garnet red.

NOSE
Sweet, leather, spice and meaty aromas with some intense liquorice, almost porty nuances.

PALATE
Rich and concentrated with ripe, tobacco/berry fruit and touches of spice and leafiness. Quite extractive and bitter tannins make the wine a very muscular style. Could soften out.