Magill Estate Shiraz
1997

Magill Estate Shiraz is PENFOLDS only single-vineyard wine, made from grapes grown on the remaining five hectares of the vineyard established by Dr Christopher Rawson Penfold in 1844. Today, the Magill Estate vineyard consists entirely of Shiraz vines, all aged between 25 and 45 years.

This wine uses the same open fermenters in which the Granges and Special Bin reds of the 1950s and 60s were created. This wine is less reliant on sheer power, with an emphasis on structure and fruit. First vintaged in 1983, Magill Estate Shiraz was created by then Chief Winemaker Don Ditter, working closely with Max Schubert, who had retired but still consulted to PENFOLDS.

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VINEYARD REGION
Penfolds Magill Estate Vineyard, Adelaide, South Australia.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS
The 1997 vintage enjoyed a cool summer which was followed by warm weather in late March and April. Winter rainfall had been excellent in most districts and good rains continued into September and past bud-burst.

GRAPE VARIETY
Shiraz (Syrah)

MATURATION
14 months in new French and American oak.

WINE ANALYSIS
Alc/Vol: 13.5%
Acidity: 7g/L
pH: 3.48

LAST TASTED
27-Jul-2000

PEAK DRINKING
2002 - 2010

FOOD MATCHES
Beef, Lamb

Winemaker comments by John Duval

Deep plum red.

Colours. Lifted floral aromas combine with dark chocolate and cinnamon, citrus peel spices and tobacco. The savoury background is reminiscent of cold meats.

Distinctive, spicy Shiraz fruit typical of the region. Ripe stone fruit flavours, assertive tannins and leathery finish.