

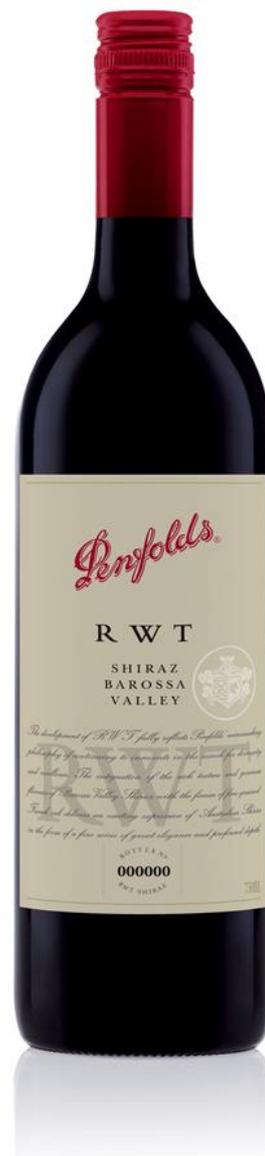


RWT Shiraz

2004

PENFOLDS RWT Shiraz presents an admirable alternative to the multi-regional sourcing and American oak maturation that are hallmarks of Grange, expressing instead, single-region Barossa Valley shiraz matured in French oak barriques. The initials RWT stand for 'Red Winemaking Trial', the name given to the project internally when developmental work began in 1995.

RWT Shiraz was launched in May 2000 with the 1997 vintage. Its style is opulent and fleshy, contrasting with Grange, which is more muscular and assertive. RWT is made from fruit primarily selected for its aromatic qualities and fine texture rather than sheer intensity or power of flavour. The result is a wine that helps to redefine Barossa Shiraz at the highest quality level.



VINEYARD REGION	Barossa Valley
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	Above average winter rainfall led into a promising vintage, which was characterised by mild conditions up until February, followed by hot weather conditions throughout March and April. South Australia fared well and produced wines of elegance and intensity.
GRAPE VARIETY	Shiraz
MATURATION	This wine was aged for 14 months in new (69%) and one year old (31%) French oak hogsheads.
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol: 14.5% Acidity: 6.8g/L pH: 3.57
LAST TASTED	1.12.06
PEAK DRINKING	2008 to 2028
FOOD MATCHES	Ideal with beef, duck and game.

Winemaker comments by

Peter Gago - PENFOLDS Chief Winemaker

COLOUR

Inky, deep and dense purple.

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Aromatics leap from the glass - sweet fruits, with blueberry to the fore. Spices and a suggestion of cedary oak court the regionally proclaimed Barossa Valley Shiraz varietal notes. Complex, and invitingly generous.

PALATE

The palate is at once opulent, juicy and mouthwatering - a compote of assorted berries (red and blue), Satsuma plum and cherry. Dark pepper spices adorn the back palate, and the tannins are engulfed by the above-mentioned fruit rush. The fruit sits effortlessly in 69% new oak, adding another dimension to the structural and flavour layers.

This is as impressive an RWT as that from the 2002 vintage - each sip (glass?) is better than the one before.