



2008 RWT

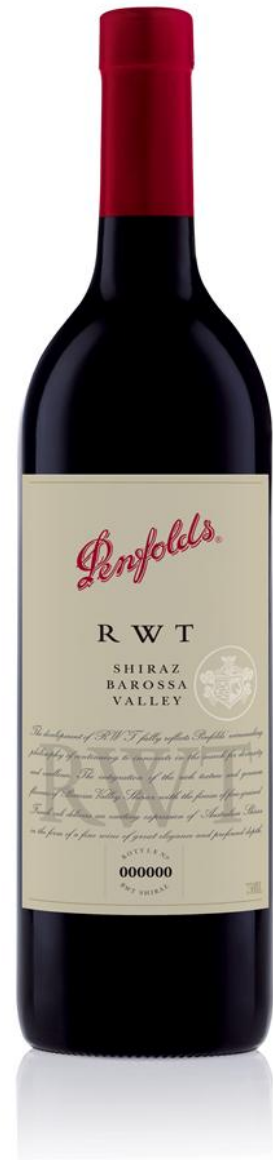
Barossa Valley Shiraz

Penfolds RWT Shiraz presents an admirable alternative to the multiregional sourcing and American oak maturation that are hallmarks of Grange, expressing instead, single-region Barossa Valley Shiraz matured only in French oak. The initials RWT stand for 'Red Winemaking Trial', the name given to the project internally when developmental work began in 1995. Naturally, now no longer a 'Trial' !

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.

"This release will complete the conversion of many Penfolds loyalists... their RWT is no longer on probation. Shiraz/Barossa/French oak/Penfolds. Yes, it does work!"

- P.Gago, April 2011



VINEYARD REGION	Barossa Valley
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	After a dry winter, above average rainfall in October and especially November reduced the risk of frost in cooler regions and restored soil moisture levels. The warm season across November continued with above average monthly temperatures right through until January. December through March was incredibly dry, and a light dose of rain in January helped refresh the vines. In 2008, earlier picked, physiologically ripe red varieties out of the Barossa are widely acknowledged to be of excellent quality.
GRAPE VARIETY	Shiraz (100%)
MATURATION	Matured for 14 months in new (83%) and one year old French oak hogsheads.
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol: 14.5% Acidity: 7.0g/L pH: 3.53
LAST TASTED	January 2011.
PEAK DRINKING	2013 to 2032
FOOD MATCHES	Dry aged Coorong Angus fillet, baby carrot, mustard, house-sprouted legumes and baby herbs.

Magill Estate Restaurant Autumn Menu 2011

Winemaker comments by Peter Gago, Penfolds Chief Winemaker

COLOUR

Redefines 'black'! Certainly on 25/1/11, foreboding!

NOSE

An animated aromatic conversation with the darker elements of Barossa Valley Shiraz... "it smells black"! A coal-like blackness, replete with peat.

Brooding. Concentrated.

Thankfully, redeeming & alluring perfumed high-notes ascend - blueberry and dark plum, wafts of a ristretto coffee.

PALATE

Dense & intense - with vibrance, unctuousness... delivering all the now-expected RWT cachets. "A blueberry pie in a 750ml glass package!" And yet the darkness prevails... inky, boot polish, freshly-polished new black leather.

Almost a glycerol/oily mid-palate - texturally close to a custard/chocolate eclair! A suggestion of oak and an avalanche of pronounced ripe & silky tannins complete the offer.

A vinous 'Edge of Darkness'!