St Henri Shiraz
2005

Penfolds St Henri is a highly successful and alternative expression of Shiraz and an intriguing counterpoint to Grange. It is unusual among high quality Australian red wines as it does not rely on any new oak. It was created in the early 1950s (first commercial vintage 1957) and gained a new lease of life in the 1990s as its quality and distinctive style became better understood.

St Henri is rich and plush when young, gaining soft, earthy, mocha-like characters as it ages. It is matured in old, 1460-litre vats that allow the wine to develop, imparting minimal, if any oak character. Although a small proportion of Cabernet is sometimes used to improve structure, the focal point for St Henri remains Shiraz.

"Drinking well upon release, yet this will cellar - as per its template. Over half a century on - the St Henri stylistic stamp remains indelible."

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Winemaker comments by Peter Gago - Penfolds Chief Winemaker

COLOUR
Dark garnet with a deep core.

NOSE
Floral, perfumed, fresh. Boiled-fruitcake mix - nutmeg / cinnamon and mixed spices are laced with glazed (Cointreau-like) citrus fruits. Subtle praline & liquorice trail on the finish.

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