

Grange is arguably Australia's most celebrated wine and is officially listed as a Heritage Icon of South Australia. Grange boasts an unbroken line of vintages from the experimental 1951 and clearly demonstrates the synergy between Shiraz and the soils and climates of South Australia.

Penfolds Grange utilises fully-ripe, intensely-flavoured and textured Shiraz grapes. The result is a unique Australian style that is now recognised as one of the most consistent of the world's great wines. The Grange style is the original and most powerful expression of Penfolds multi-vineyard, multi-district, blending philosophy.

## **REWARDS OF PATIENCE SEVENTH EDITION – TASTING NOTES**

**GRANGE 1951 - 2010** 

# **1951** BIN 1 GRANGE HERMITAGE

Not tasted at the Rewards of Patience Tasting (New York), but several bottles opened during the 2012 Penfolds Re-corking Clinics. The first experimental Grange and extremely rare. A valuable collector's item because of its historical significance. Rare hand-blown bottles. The wine itself is past its peak although some bottles still have fruit sweetness and flavour length. Largely the wine has a dull tawny colour and skeletal palate structure with little flesh and fading tannins. 100% Shiraz.

50% Magill Estate (Adelaide), 50% Morphett Vale (Adelaide). 100 cases/3 hog<br/>sheads made. Released as Bin 1.

Drinking Window: Now ••• Past



First 'commercial' vintage. Medium-deep amber to brick red. Intense fragrant panforte, dark chocolate orange peel, apricot, graphite aromas with hint of herb garden. Mature complex palate with panforte, praline, apricot, orange peel flavours and fine slinky, lacy tannins. Finishes silky sweet and long. Incredible freshness, buoyancy and weight. Great bottles still holding up well. Very rare.

100% Shiraz. Magill Estate (Adelaide), Morphett Vale (Adelaide). Around 100–150 cases made at less than \$1 a bottle at release. Some half-bottle 'pints' were also produced. Released as Bin 4 and Bin 4A.

Drinking Window: Now ••• Past

## 1953 BIN 2 GRANGE HERMITAGE

Medium-deep amber to brick red. Fragrant red fruits, mocha, praline, orange peel, apricot, spicy aromas with cedar, garrigue, sage, dried lavender notes. Finely textured wine with sweet dried fruit, mocha, roasted chestnut, mushroom, herb flavours and fine loose-knit lacy tannins. Finishes savoury, silky textured and long. Fully mature wine but still showing freshness, elegance, energy and balance. Only the best-cellared bottles will hold. Drink now. Very rare.

87% Shiraz, 13% Cabernet Sauvignon. Magill Estate (Adelaide), Morphett Vale (Adelaide), Kalimna Vineyard (Barossa). 260 cases made. Some half bottles (375 ml) were released. First vintage – and then uninterrupted – use of Kalimna fruit; hence the term 'mother vineyard'. Released as Bin 2 (also Bins 10, 86C and 145).

Drinking Window: Now ••• Past



# **1953** BIN 9 GRANGE CABERNET SAUVIGNON (BLOCK 42)

Medium-deep brick red. Well past its best now with oxidised, amontillado, leather aromas, sweet nutty, leather flavours and fine chalky texture. It finishes long and savoury. This bottle is just holding on by a thread, but other examples have looked superb, typically showing fully developed polished leather, demi-glace, tobacco aromas, plenty of sweet fruit complexity and lacy dry tannins.

Drinking Window: Now ••• Past

# **1954** BIN 12 GRANGE HERMITAGE

Light medium amber to brick red. The wine has faded now with overdeveloped nutty, briny, earthy, dark chocolate, liquorice aromas, gentle sweet amontillado, toffee flavours and fine chalky dry textures. Finishes lacy firm, long and sweet. Just holding together. A curio now. Very rare.

98% Shiraz, 2% Cabernet Sauvignon. Magill Estate (Adelaide), Kalimna Vineyard (Barossa Valley). Internal criticism of Grange led Max Schubert to lighten the style slightly. Only nine months in oak. Released as Bin 11 and Bin 12.

Drinking Window: Now ••• Past



Medium-deep brick red. Fresh roasted coffee, panforte, meaty aromas with gun flint, chinotto notes. Very complex and beautifully balanced palate with fresh chinotto, roasted coffee, panforte, sweet fruit, leafy flavours, lovely mid-palate richness and persistent finegrained tannins. Finishes chalky firm but long and sweet. A famously great vintage. Still showing plenty of freshness, fruit sweetness and volume. Now quite rare.

90% Shiraz, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon. Magill Estate (Adelaide), Morphett Vale (Adelaide), Kalimna Vineyard (Barossa Valley), McLaren Vale. The most decorated Grange – winner of twelve Trophies and fifty-two Gold medals during its relatively short career on the Australian wine show circuit. Spent only nine months in oak. A favourite of Max Schubert's, partly because it won a Gold medal in the Open Claret Class at the 1962 Sydney Wine Show – some members of the judging panel had previously been vocally critical of the style. Chosen by the US magazine, Wine Spectator, as one of the twelve 'Wines of the Millennium'. Most common but later release (after show success) is Bin 95 (also Bins 13, 14, 53, 54 and 148A).

Drinking Window: Now ••• Past

#### **1956** BIN 14 GRANGE HERMITAGE

Medium amber to brick red. Very perfumed roasted coffee, herb garden, liquorice aromas with touches of tobacco, cedar. Medium concentrated palate with roasted coffee, treacle, bitumen, oyster shell, herb flavours and supple, fine savoury tannins. Finishes firm but long and sweet. Looked very fresh and balanced in this tasting, but many bottles are now past. Very rare.

96% Shiraz, 4% Cabernet Sauvignon. Magill Estate (Adelaide), Morphett Vale (Adelaide), Kalimna Vineyard (Barossa Valley). Only nine months in oak.

Drinking Window: Now ••• Past



Medium-deep brick red. Fresh mature toffee, charcoal, liquorice, wood varnish aromas. The palate is showing advanced age with amontillado, nutty, panforte, smoky flavours and fine chalky, cedary tannins. The wine has now faded. Very rare.

88% Shiraz, 12% Cabernet Sauvignon. Magill Estate (Adelaide), Morphett Vale (Adelaide), McLaren Vale. The first of the three 'hidden Granges'; the wine was made without the knowledge of Penfolds management, who had ordered Max Schubert to cease production. Matured in the previous year's Grange barrels.

Drinking Window: Now ••• Past

### **1960** BIN 95 GRANGE HERMITAGE

Light-medium brick red. Intense panforte, dark chocolate, molasses aromas with touches of rose petal, orange peel, cloves and spices. Well-concentrated panforte, spicy flavours, satin-textured tannins and underlying savoury notes. Finishes chalky firm but fruit richness persists. Becoming quite fragile. Rare.

92% Shiraz, 8% Cabernet Sauvignon. Magill Estate (Adelaide), Morphett Vale (Adelaide), Kalimna Vineyard (Barossa Valley). Released as Bin 95 (also as Bin 45).

Drinking Window: Now ••• Past



Deep amber to brick red. Lovely fresh sandalwood, dark chocolate, cedar, herb, mint aromas with underlying dried leaf notes. Ample dark chocolate, panforte, cedar, herb flavours, fine graphite tannins and some leafy notes. Builds up quite muscular and firm at the finish, but lovely freshness, generosity and persistency of fruit. At peak of maturity, but good bottles will hold. Rare.

88% Shiraz, 12% Cabernet Sauvignon. Magill Estate (Adelaide), Morphett Vale (Adelaide), Modbury Vineyard (Adelaide), Kalimna Vineyard (Barossa Valley), Coonawarra. Generally released as Bin 95 (also as Bin 395).

Drinking Window: Now

# **1962** BIN 95 GRANGE HERMITAGE

Deep red brick. Fragrant and complex dark chocolate, espresso, blackberry, mocha aromas with some herb/sage notes. Fresh supple dark chocolate, dark berry, roasted coffee flavours, plentiful grainy, granular tannins and underlying mocha, vanilla notes. Finishes chalky firm, long and sweet. Still holding very well. Impressively mature classic Grange with 'claret-like structure'. Rare.

87% shiraz, 13% cabernet sauvignon. Magill Estate (Adelaide), Kalimna Vineyard (Barossa Valley), Adelaide Hills. Barossa Valley fruit becomes ascendant component. Released as Bin 95 (also as Bins 59, 59A and 456).

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2020



Deep crimson to brick red. A magnificent wine with intense earthy, dried roses, dark chocolate, cedar aromas. The palate is richly powerful with deep-set dark berry, dark chocolate flavours, fine grainy, al dente tannins and underlying mocha, spicy nuances. Finishes velvety and long with some minerally graphite notes. One of the loveliest early Grange vintages. Still beautifully complex, richly flavoured and balanced. A very great Australian wine. Will continue to hold. Rare.

100% Shiraz. Kalimna Vineyard (Barossa Valley), Barossa Valley, Magill Estate (Adelaide), Morphett Vale (Adelaide), Modbury Vineyard (Adelaide). Released as Bin 95 (also as Bin 65). Drinking Window: Now ••• 2025

## **1964** BIN 95 GRANGE HERMITAGE

Medium-deep brick red. Rustic wine with intense mushroom/sous bois, graphite, bitumen, mint aromas. The palate is well concentrated with mushroom, panforte, sweet fruit flavours and pronounced leafy dry tannins. Some pine needle notes. Tenuous quality now with overdeveloped fruit and drying textures. Rare.

90% Shiraz, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon. Magill Estate (Adelaide), Kalimna Vineyard (Barossa Valley), Barossa Valley. Released as Bin 95 (also as Bins 395, 66, 67 and 68).

Drinking Window: Now ••• Past



Medium-deep brick red. Fresh leather, tobacco, mint aromas with some panforte notes. A savoury but voluminous wine with cedar, tobacco, leather, orange peel, panforte flavours and fine-grained firm tannins. Finishes leafy firm. Plenty of vinosity and substance. Rare. Jimmy Watson Memorial Trophy Winner.

95% Shiraz, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon. Kalimna Vineyard (Barossa Valley), Barossa Valley, Magill Estate (Adelaide), Morphett Vale (Adelaide), McLaren Vale. Released as Bin 95 (also as Bins 69, 70 and 71).

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2020

## **1966** BIN 95 GRANGE HERMITAGE

Deep brick red. Very classic dark chocolate, dark berry aromas with fresh espresso, cedar, mushroom notes. Gorgeously concentrated with praline, dark berry, apricot, orange peel flavours and plentiful sweet chocolatey tannins. A powerful, dense and richly textured wine with superb extract and length. At peak of maturity; good bottles will continue to hold. Rare.

88% Shiraz, 12% Cabernet Sauvignon. Kalimna Vineyard (Barossa Valley), Barossa Valley, Magill Estate (Adelaide), Morphett Vale (Adelaide). Released as Bin 95 (also as Bins 71 and 72).

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2025



Deep brick red. Intense dried plum, dark chocolate, espresso, liquorice, herb aromas and flavours. The palate is supple and fruit-sweet with velvety – slightly leafy – tannins and savoury, mocha, cedar notes. It finishes chalky firm with a long tannin plume. Starting to fragment and losing its finish. Increasingly rare.

94% Shiraz, 6% Cabernet Sauvignon. Kalimna Vineyard (Barossa Valley), Barossa Valley, Clare Valley, Magill Estate (Adelaide). Won the Jimmy Watson Memorial Trophy at the Melbourne Show, the second time in three years. Released as Bin 95 (also Bin 74).

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2020

### **1968** BIN 95 GRANGE HERMITAGE

Medium brick red. Panforte, sous bois, mushroom aromas with some spicy, orange peel, savoury notes. Seductively smooth rich panforte, praline, soy flavours with al dente, leafy textures and roasted earthy notes. Finishes brambly dry with a slick of tannins. A fresh example, but generally variable in quality. Drink up.

94% Shiraz, 6% Cabernet Sauvignon. Kalimna Vineyard (Barossa Valley), Barossa Valley, Magill Estate (Adelaide), Clare Valley, Adelaide Hills, Coonawarra. Released as Bin 95 (also as Bin 826).

Drinking Window: Now



Medium brick red. Intense and lifted dark chocolate, amontillado, roasted capsicum aromas. The palate is well concentrated and mature with dark chocolate, amontillado flavours and savoury, bitter tannins. Finishes chalky firm and a touch leafy. On the downward slide. Drink up.

95% Shiraz, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon. Kalimna Vineyard (Barossa Valley), Barossa Valley, Magill Estate (Adelaide), Clare Valley, Morphett Vale (Adelaide), Coonawarra. Released as Bin 95 (also as Bin 826).

Drinking Window: Now ••• Past

## **1970** BIN 95 GRANGE HERMITAGE

Medium-deep brick red. Intensely fragrant and complex walnut, fresh dark truffle, panforte aromas with hints of herb garden. Well-concentrated and supple with walnut/roasted coffee, praline flavours, fine looseknit and slightly chalky dry tannins. Finishes leafy firm at the finish. Drink soon.

90% Shiraz, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon. Kalimna Vineyard (Barossa Valley), Barossa Valley, Magill Estate (Adelaide).

Drinking Window: Now



Medium-deep brick red. A classic Penfolds year with an unusually low alcohol, around 12.3%. Very beautiful, fresh, developed apricot, panforte, vanilla, cedar, sweet fruit aromas with touches of tar/bitumen. Fully mature wine with complex apricot, panforte, roasted chestnut, smoky, espresso flavours and superb lacy dry tannins. Finishes long and sappy with graphite firmness. Looking quite fragile.

87% Shiraz, 13% Cabernet Sauvignon. Kalimna Vineyard (Barossa Valley), Barossa Valley, Magill Estate (Adelaide), Clare Valley, Coonawarra. "If you had to point to a wine which fulfilled the ambitions of Grange it would have to be the 1971," (Max Schubert, 1993). Topped the Gault-Millau Wine Olympiad in Paris in 1979 – beating some of the best Rhône wines and creating a sensation.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2020

# **1972** BIN 95 GRANGE HERMITAGE

Medium-deep brick red. Quite developed with earthy, sous bois, sweet fruit, roasted chestnut, sandalwood aromas. Beautifully textured wine with cedar, sweet fruit, apricot, earthy flavours and fine supple tannins. Finishes al dente firm but long and sweet. This has always been a controversial wine, yet always performs well at Rewards of Patience tastings! Drink now.

90% Shiraz, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon. Kalimna Vineyard (Barossa Valley), Barossa Valley, Magill Estate (Adelaide), Modbury Vineyard (Adelaide), Coonawarra. A very good Grange vintage. Reportedly a batch was unintentionally oxidised during bottling, resulting in significant bottle variation.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2022



Medium-deep brick red. Smoky, dark chocolate, roasted chestnut, eucalypt/mint aromas. The palate is well concentrated with rich voluminous praline, panforte flavours, and lacy dry/al dente tannins. Finishes cedary but long. Still showing freshness. Drink up, but best bottles will hold.

98% Shiraz, 2% Cabernet Sauvignon. Kalimna Vineyard (Barossa Valley), Barossa Valley, Magill Estate (Adelaide), Modbury Vineyard (Adelaide). Last vintage entirely vinified in open wax-lined concrete fermenters (before barrel fermentation) at Magill Estate.

#### Drinking Window: Now

## **1974** BIN 95 GRANGE HERMITAGE

Medium-deep brick red. Fresh cedar, panforte, dark chocolate, plum, tobacco aromas with herb garden notes. Supple sweet fruit, panforte, dried citrus peel, cedar wood flavours with fine plentiful chocolatey tannins. Finishes chalky firm and long. The wine is fading and some bottles are past.

93% Shiraz, 7% Cabernet Sauvignon. Kalimna Vineyard (Barossa Valley), Barossa Valley, Magill Estate (Adelaide). Winemaking transferred to Nuriootpa. Vinification in small stainless steel fermenters – completed in barrel.

Drinking Window: Now ••• Past

# **1975** BIN 95 GRANGE HERMITAGE

Deep brick red. Intense panforte, cedar, sage, wood varnish aromas. Well-concentrated complex wine with developed panforte, cedar, praline flavours and muscular/grippy dry tannins. Finishes firm and dry. Superb drive and vinosity. A 'dark horse' vintage.

90% Shiraz, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon. Kalimna Vineyard (Barossa Valley), Barossa Valley, Coonawarra.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2025



Deep brick red. Fresh dark chocolate, toffee, panforte, dark berry aromas with liquorice notes. Concentrated and plush with blackberry, dark plum, praline flavours and rich, plentiful chocolatey tannins. Finishes long and fruit-sweet with a strong plume of tannins. Superb richness, density, harmony and energy. Will continue to develop more bottle-age complexity. 'Ethereal and buoyant.' Regarded as a great Grange vintage, but bottles are increasingly variable. The best bottles have levels at base or into the neck or have passed successfully through Penfolds Re-corking Clinics.

89% Shiraz, 11% Cabernet Sauvignon. Kalimna Vineyard (Barossa Valley), Barossa Valley, Magill Estate (Adelaide), Modbury Vineyard (Adelaide). The twenty-fifth anniversary of Grange. Max Schubert considered it 'More in the old style: a good vintage'. The first Australian wine to cross the \$20 barrier at release. Robert Parker scores it 100 points.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2040

# **1977** BIN 95 GRANGE HERMITAGE

Deep brick red. Fresh grilled meats, cedar, chesterfield leather, truffle, mint aromas and flavours with abundant sweet fruit, plentiful chalky dry tannins and underlying savoury notes. Fruit tapers off leaving a firm leaf finish. Doubtful it will improve. Drink soon.

91% Shiraz, 9% Cabernet Sauvignon.

Drinking Window: Now



Deep brick red. Fresh cedar, panforte, dried fruit, herb, violet aromas. Lovely mature and supple palate with dense cedar, panforte, prune, sweet fruit, vanilla flavours and fine chocolatey, al dente tannins. Finishes leafy firm. Lovely vinosity and flavour length. Beautifully balanced wine poised between secondary and tertiary development.

90% Shiraz, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon. Kalimna Vineyard (Barossa Valley), Barossa Valley, Magill Estate (Adelaide), McLaren Vale, Clare Valley, Coonawarra. Cork is uniquely vintage-dated and printed with 'Grange Hermitage'.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2020

## **1979** BIN 95 GRANGE HERMITAGE

Deep brick red. A classically proportioned Grange with intense liquorice, inky, praline, cigar-box aromas with molasses, spicy, bitumen, leather notes. The palate is velvety smooth with dense black fruits, dark chocolate, tar, cedar flavours and fine-grained, loose-knit tannins. Finishes long with a chocolatey tannin plume. A beautiful textural wine. Retasted in Australia.

87% Shiraz, 13% Cabernet Sauvignon. Kalimna Vineyard (Barossa Valley), Barossa Valley, Clare Valley, Magill Estate (Adelaide), McLaren Vale. Magnums first released. Last vintage using bottles with off-white foil capsules.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2025



Deep brick red. Fragrant dark chocolate, dark berry, cranberry, panforte, mint aromas. Well-concentrated vigorous dark chocolate, dark plum flavours with savoury mocha, menthol notes, and fine grainy, almost powdery tannins. A lengthy, sinuous finish. Drink now or keep for a while.

96% Shiraz, 4% Cabernet Sauvignon. Kalimna Vineyard (Barossa Valley), Barossa Valley, Clare Valley, Magill Estate (Adelaide), McLaren Vale, Coonawarra.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2020

#### **1981** BIN 95 GRANGE HERMITAGE

Deep brick red. Fresh complex roasted meats, tobacco, prune, dark chocolate aromas. Lovely concentrated dark chocolate, panforte, tobacco flavours and firm graphite tannins. Finishes minerally with some herb garden notes. Solidly structured wine. Will hold for many years, but will it improve?

89% Shiraz, 11% Cabernet Sauvignon. Kalimna Vineyard (Barossa Valley), Barossa Valley, Magill Estate (Adelaide), Modbury Vineyard (Adelaide), Clare Valley, Coonawarra. Drinking Window: Now ••• 2025

### **1982** BIN 95 GRANGE HERMITAGE

Deep brick red. Perfumed vanilla, mocha, seaweed, wild strawberry, redcurrant aromas. The palate is supple with plenty of redcurrant, red plum, cranberry flavours, sweet roasted hazelnut, mocha nuances and fine bitter chalky tannins. Finishes firm and tight. An atypical yet generously proportioned Grange with developed sweet fruit complexity and sinuous texture. Will continue to mature for some years.

94% Shiraz, 6% Cabernet Sauvignon. Kalimna Vineyard (Barossa Valley), Barossa Valley, Magill Estate (Adelaide), Modbury Vineyard (Adelaide), Clare Valley.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2025



Deep crimson. Intense blackcurrant, panforte, liquorice aromas with hints of mocha, sage. Powerful and richly concentrated with deep-set dark berry, panforte, mint flavours and fine plentiful graphite, muscular tannins. Finishes firm and tight with a tannin plume. A massively rich and expansive wine with years of cellaring potential.

94% Shiraz, 6% Cabernet Sauvignon. Kalimna Vineyard (Barossa Valley), Barossa Valley, Magill Estate (Adelaide), Modbury Vineyard (Adelaide).

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2035

### **1984** BIN 95 GRANGE HERMITAGE

Deep crimson. Fragrant dark plum, praline aromas with vanilla, mocha nuances. Expressive dark berry, dark chocolate, roasted coffee, spicy flavours with superb tannin richness. Finishes chalky firm with plenty of sweet fruit flavour length. An underlying muscular structure. Not a classic Grange but still drinks very well in its fourth decade.

95% Shiraz, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon. Kalimna Vineyard (Barossa Valley), Barossa Valley, Magill Estate (Adelaide), McLaren Vale, Clare Valley, Coonawarra.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2020

# **1985** BIN 95 GRANGE HERMITAGE

Deep crimson. Intense redcurrant, mocha, tobacco aromas with some wet bitumen, iodine notes. Well-concentrated redcurrant, tobacco, graphite flavours with chewy fine tannins and underlying mocha notes.

99% Shiraz, 1% Cabernet Sauvignon. Kalimna Vineyard (Barossa Valley), Barossa Valley, Clare Valley, Modbury Vineyard (Adelaide).

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2018



Deep crimson. Fragrant roasted chestnut, dark chocolate, cedar spice aromas. Rich expansive wine with roasted chestnut, praline, dark cherry fruit, fine plentiful chocolatey tannins and underlying mocha oak. Finishes al dente firm with plenty of sweet fruit, panforte notes. The defining vintage of the 1980s. Will continue to mature gracefully for at least another two decades.

87% Shiraz, 13% Cabernet Sauvignon. Kalimna Vineyard (Barossa Valley), Barossa Valley, Clare Valley, McLaren Vale, Modbury Vineyard (Adelaide). Don Ditter's last Grange.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2035

## **1987** BIN 95 GRANGE HERMITAGE

Medium crimson. Intense plum, dark chocolate, herb garden, white pepper, mint aromas. Well-concentrated wine with praline, herb garden, mint flavours and fine plentiful chalky texture. A strong tannic finish with some sappy, leafy notes.

90% Shiraz, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon. Kalimna Vineyard (Barossa Valley), Barossa Valley, McLaren Vale.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2020

# **1988** BIN 95 GRANGE HERMITAGE

Medium crimson. Praline, prune, dark plum aromas with vanilla, mocha notes. The palate is rich and buoyant with sweet dark chocolate, prune, vanilla flavours and supple, graphite tannins. Builds up chewy firm, long and sweet at the finish.

94% Shiraz, 6% Cabernet Sauvignon. Kalimna Vineyard (Barossa Valley), Barossa Valley, Padthaway, McLaren Vale.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2030



Medium crimson. Fragrant redcurrant, cassis, leather, sandalwood aromas. Luxuriant 'tawny port-like' intensity on the palate with fleshy sweet fruit, liquorice, mocha notes and fine-grained muscular tannins. Finishes firm but long and sweet. A very successful wine for the vintage.

91% Shiraz, 9% Cabernet Sauvignon. Kalimna Vineyard (Barossa Valley), Barossa Valley, McLaren Vale. The last vintage labelled as 'Grange Hermitage'; future vintages are released as 'Grange'.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2025

### **1990** BIN 95 GRANGE

Deep crimson. Powerfully expressive with beautiful dark berry, cranberry, praline, herb garden, graphite, mocha aromas. Lovely seductive dark berry, praline flavours, fine chalky/graphite tannins and roasted chestnut, mocha nuances. Finishes gravelly/chocolatey firm with some aniseed, liquorice notes. A great Grange vintage with superb fruit definition, generosity, balance and structure.

95% Shiraz, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon. Kalimna Vineyard (Barossa Valley), Barossa Valley, Clare Valley, Coonawarra. Voted Red Wine of the Year by Wine Spectator magazine in December 1995.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2045



Deep crimson. Complex dark chocolate, roasted chestnut, vanilla, herb aromas. A rich voluminous palate with saturated dark chocolate, mocha, malty, aniseed flavours and finegrained supple tannins. Finishes chalky firm and long. A rich buoyant and ethereal Grange with tremendous substance and lasting power. A classic vintage.

95% Shiraz, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon. Kalimna Vineyard (Barossa Valley), Barossa Valley, McLaren Vale.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2040

### **1992** BIN 95 GRANGE

Deep crimson. Redcurrant, cassis, sage, herb garden aromas with some mineral notes. The palate is well concentrated with rich layers of redcurrant, sweet fruit, meaty flavours, fine-grained tannins and underlying mocha oak. Muscular dry finish. An elegantly structured Grange with plenty of fruit power and weight.

90% Shiraz, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon. Kalimna Vineyard (Barossa Valley), Barossa Valley, Coonawarra, McLaren Vale.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2018

# **1993** BIN 95 GRANGE

Deep crimson. Fresh red capsicum, dark chocolate, roasted chestnut, mushroom, pot pourri aromas. Well-concentrated generous wine with jammy dark berry, dark chocolate, espresso flavours and al dente, bitter tannins. Finishes firm and tight with underlying cedar complexity.

86% Shiraz, 14% Cabernet Sauvignon. Kalimna Vineyard (Barossa Valley), Barossa Valley, Coonawarra. The highest percentage of Cabernet Sauvignon in its history.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2018



Medium-deep crimson. Fresh intense plum, liquorice, sandalwood, earthy aromas. The palate is richly concentrated with saturated plum, blackberry, sweet fruit, mocha, herb flavours and fine plentiful, muscular tannins. Showing plenty of tertiary notes, but excellent drive and vinosity. A classic vintage.

89% Shiraz, 11% Cabernet Sauvignon. Kalimna Vineyard (Barossa Valley), Barossa Valley, McLaren Vale, Coonawarra. Considered by Penfolds winemakers as 'a sleeper Grange vintage'.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2030

### **1995** BIN 95 GRANGE

Deep crimson. Intense and exuberant liquorice, roasted chestnut, panforte, dried fruit aromas with some tarry notes. Medium concentrated with redcurrant, roasted chestnut, espresso flavours, fine grainy, al dente tannins and some mocha, cedar notes. Finishes chalky/leafy firm but long and flavourful. Lovely energy and balance.

94% Shiraz, 6% Cabernet Sauvignon. Kalimna Vineyard (Barossa Valley), Barossa Valley, Magill Estate (Adelaide).

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2020

#### **1996** BIN 95 GRANGE

Deep crimson. Lovely classic Grange with intense dark fruit, dark chocolate, mocha aromas. Plush, generously flavoured palate with praline, blackberry, dark plum flavours, fine grainy/graphite tannins and underlying savoury, malty nuances. Finishes chocolatey firm, long and flavourful. A gorgeously seductive wine with lovely fruit power and richness. Still has decades to go. A great vintage.

94% Shiraz, 6% Cabernet Sauvignon. Kalimna Vineyard (Barossa Valley), Barossa Valley, McLaren Vale, Magill Estate (Adelaide).

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2040



Deep crimson. Lifted blackberry, panforte, leafy, smoky aromas. Well-concentrated blackberry, herb garden, sage, leafy flavours, fine-grained slinky tannins and plenty of smoky, mocha oak notes. Finishes chocolatey and long. An early-drinking Grange with lovely freshness, vinosity and drive.

96% Shiraz, 4% Cabernet Sauvignon. Kalimna Vineyard (Barossa Valley), Barossa Valley, McLaren Vale, Limestone Coast.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2025

### **1998** BIN 95 GRANGE

Deep crimson. Very powerful, opulent and expressive Grange with intense blackberry, praline, liquorice aromas and hints of leather and spice. A sumptuous mouth-filling wine with plush blackberry, cassis, dark chocolate flavours, beautiful savoury, spicy new oak and plentiful velvety graphite tannins. Superb balance, length and richness of flavour. A classic year.

97% Shiraz, 3% Cabernet Sauvignon. Kalimna Vineyard (Barossa Valley), Barossa Valley, Magill Estate (Adelaide), Padthaway.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2045

# **1999** BIN 95 GRANGE

Deep purple to crimson. Fragrant cedar, sandalwood, blackberry, espresso, malty aromas. Superbly concentrated wine with blackcurrant pastille, mulberry, tarry, wood spice, liquorice flavours, fine plentiful savoury tannins and mocha oak notes. Finishes chalky firm. Lovely fruit richness and volume.

100% Shiraz. Kalimna Vineyard (Barossa Valley), Barossa Valley, Magill Estate (Adelaide), McLaren Vale, Padthaway. Another 'sleeper Grange vintage'.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2045



Medium-deep crimson. Intense aniseed, redcurrant, rhubarb, blackberry, dark chocolate aromas with mocha, ginger oak. Sweet buoyant palate with redcurrant, mocha flavours and velvety, touch leafy tannins. Finishes bitter chocolatey firm but long and sweet-fruited. An atypical Grange but still expressive and delicious to drink.

100% Barossa Valley Shiraz. Kalimna Vineyard (Barossa Valley), Barossa Valley.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2025

#### **2001** BIN 95 GRANGE

Deep crimson. Fresh praline, plum, blackcurrant aromas with cedar, herb garden notes. Very tightly structured wine with red plum, blackcurrant, roasted coffee, liquorice flavours, fine dense muscular tannins and plenty of mocha oak. Finishes chalky firm but fruit persists. Generously proportioned with a solid structure. Still needs more time. One of the hottest growing seasons since the 1920s. McLaren Vale had its highest mean January temperature since 1915.

99% Shiraz, 1% Cabernet Sauvignon. 50% Kalimna Vineyard (Barossa Valley), 50% Barossa Valley.

Drinking Window: 2016 ••• 2035

#### **2002** BIN 95 GRANGE

Deep crimson to purple. Intense elemental inky, elderberry, blackberry aromas with meaty, vanilla, liquorice nuances. Beautifully balanced and powerful with elemental dark berry, elderberry, liquorice, aniseed flavours, fine plentiful grainy, al dente tannins and well-balanced malt, vanilla oak. A great Grange with huge substance and energy. Continue to hold!

98.5% Shiraz, 1.5% Cabernet Sauvignon. 50% Kalimna Vineyard (Barossa Valley), 50% Barossa Valley.

Drinking Window: 2018 ••• 2045



Deep purple to crimson. Intense blackberry, praline, herb garden, malty aromas with graphite, leafy notes. Ample blackberry, brambly flavours with fine grippy tannins, plenty of mid-palate richness and mocha, malty oak. Finishes muscular, grippy. A robust yet balanced wine with plenty of vigour and freshness.

97% Shiraz, 3% Cabernet Sauvignon. Barossa Valley, McLaren Vale, Langhorne Creek, Coonawarra, Magill Estate (Adelaide).

Drinking Window: 2016 ••• 2045

#### **2004** BIN 95 GRANGE

Deep purple to crimson. Beguiling dark berry, liquorice, nutty, camphor aromas with some savoury notes. The palate is smooth and plush with fleshy blackberry, chocolate, espresso flavours, plentiful chalky tannins and savoury, vanilla oak. Finishes firm and flavourful with a long tannin plume. Lovely density and richness. A great Grange vintage.

96% Shiraz, 4% Cabernet Sauvignon. Barossa Valley (including substantial proportion of Kalimna shiraz), McLaren Vale, Magill Estate (Adelaide).

Drinking Window: 2016 ••• 2050

# **2005** BIN 95 GRANGE

Deep crimson. Intensely fresh violet, blackberry, elderberry, liquorice, cedar, mocha aromas with herb garden notes. Plush, richly concentrated wine with blackberry, elderberry, herb flavours, firm chalky/velvety tannins and spicy ginger, vanilla oak. Generously proportioned, powerful and expressive. Still needs time to unfold.

96% Shiraz, 4% Cabernet Sauvignon. Barossa Valley (including substantial proportion of Kalimna shiraz), McLaren Vale, Coonawarra.

Drinking Window: 2018 ••• 2045



Deep crimson. Intensely fragrant dark berry, praline, liquorice aromas with roasted chestnut notes. Very powerful and concentrated palate with blackberry, dark chocolate flavours, pronounced fine tannins and savoury, ginger oak. Finishes oaky firm but long and sweet. Lovely vinosity, energy and freshness. A great Grange. 98% Shiraz, 2% Cabernet Sauvignon.

98% Barossa Valley (including significant contributions from Kalimna and Koonunga Hill vineyards), 2% Magill Estate (Adelaide).

Drinking Window: 2020 ••• 2050

## **2007** BIN 95 GRANGE

Deep crimson. Dark chocolate, elderberry, blackberry aromas with leafy, aniseed notes. Elemental and juicy with concentrated blackberry, elderberry fruit, muscular, al dente tannins and mocha, ginger oak. Finishes gravelly dry and firm. Very powerful wine.

98% Shiraz, 2% Cabernet Sauvignon. Barossa Valley, McLaren Vale, Magill Estate (Adelaide).

Drinking Window: 2018 ••• 2040

### 2008 BIN 95 GRANGE

Deep crimson. Plush blackberry, dark chocolate, vanilla, mocha aromas. Rich and voluminous with fresh powerful blackberry, elderberry, liquorice fruit, plentiful dense chalky tannins and underlying new malty, mocha oak. A superbly concentrated wine with incredible fruit density, power and balance. A classic Penfolds year. Receives 100 points from Robert Parker's Wine Advocate (Lisa Perrotti-Brown, MW) and Wine Spectator 2013.

98% Shiraz, 2% Cabernet Sauvignon. Barossa Valley, Clare Valley, Magill Estate (Adelaide). Difficult growing conditions were overcome by meticulous vineyard management, fruit selection from physiologically earlier-ripening older vines.

Drinking Window: 2020 ••• 2055



Deep crimson to purple. Very fragrant elderberry, dark cherry, liquorice aromas with underlying ginger, mocha, malty nuances. Lovely concentrated palate with deep-set dark cherry, elderberry flavours, fine dense leafy tannins and ginger, malty oak. Finishes bittersweet with massive tannins and plume of extract. Impressive, solid wine with extraordinary density, robustness and lasting power.

98% Shiraz, 2% Cabernet Sauvignon. Barossa Valley, McLaren Vale, Clare Valley, Magill Estate (Adelaide).

Drinking Window: 2018 ••• 2048

# **2010** BIN 95 GRANGE

Deep inky purple to crimson. A Grange of remarkable power and finesse. A classic 'iron fist in velvet glove' style, with seductive inky, elderberry, blackberry fruit, star anise, leafy nuances and mocha oak. An extravagant and expressive palate with saturated musky, inky, blackberry, elderberry fruit, plentiful satinlike tannins and underlying ginger, mocha oak. Superb fruit and tannin ripeness, wonderful concentration and balance. A classically structured and beautifully proportioned Grange with superb ageing potential.

96% Shiraz, 4% Cabernet Sauvignon. Barossa Valley, Clare Valley, Adelaide Hills (close to Magill), McLaren Vale, Magill Estate (Adelaide).

Drinking Window: 2020 ••• 2060

