



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 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.

REWARDS OF PATIENCE SEVENTH EDITION – TASTING NOTES

RWT BAROSSA VALLEY SHIRAZ 1997 – 2010

1997 RWT BAROSSA VALLEY SHIRAZ

Deep crimson to brick. Intense dark cherry, mocha, panforte aromas with sous bois, mushroom, mint, sage notes. Well-concentrated, smooth wine with generous developed dark cherry, sage, mocha, earthy flavours, plenty of mid-palate richness and fine, silky tannins. Finishes long and sweet. 53% new French oak. Probably best to drink soon.

Drinking Window: Now



1998 RWT BAROSSA VALLEY SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson. Intense ripe blackberry, cherry stone, mocha, roasted chestnut aromas with balsamic notes. Really well concentrated and classic with rich blackberry, liquorice flavours, fine chocolatey tannins and underlying vanilla, malt oak. Finishes velvety and long with a sweet fruit flourish and some panforte notes. 100% new French oak. Progressing well. Drink now or keep.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2020

1999 RWT BAROSSA VALLEY SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson. Fragrant blackberry, iodine, cedar aromas with some liquorice, leather, mint notes. More developed than the 1998, with generous blackberry, cedar, leather, sandalwood, earthy flavours, round buoyant mid-palate, velvety tannins and underlying savoury oak nuances. Finishes chalky but long with an alcoholic kick and tannin plume. Complex with some rustic notes. 75% new French oak. Drink now or keep.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2020

2000 RWT BAROSSA VALLEY SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson. Fresh redcurrant, praline, sweet-fruit aromas and flavours with apricot, roasted chestnut, black truffle, tomato leaf notes. The palate is medium-bodied but expressive with redcurrant, praline, spicy flavours, ripe loose-knit chocolatey tannins and plenty of cedar complexity. Finishes firm with redcurrant, tobacco notes. Generous and balanced but not particularly complex. 60% new oak. Drink now.

Drinking Window: Now



2001 RWT BAROSSA VALLEY SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson. Fresh brambly, musky, plum, mocha aromas with crushed ants, aniseed, vanilla, polished leather notes. Richly concentrated with developed plum, red berry fruit, underlying vanilla, spicy nuances and plentiful fine muscular tannins. Finishes al dente firm with plenty of flavour length. Already showing some advanced maturity. Will continue to develop but tannins' structure now prominent. 65% new French oak. Drink now or keep for a while.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2020

2002 RWT BAROSSA VALLEY SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson. Beautifully defined and exuberant dark cherry, dried fruits, praline, vanilla aromas with hints of liquorice, spice and sage. Generously proportioned, rich and voluminous palate with dense dark cherry, dark berry, praline, espresso flavours, chocolatey tannins and underlying cedar notes. Finishes chalky firm with superb fruit persistency and buoyancy. Seductive and perfectly balanced. A great RWT vintage.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2028

2003 RWT BAROSSA VALLEY SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson. Fragrant blackberry, mocha, marzipan, roasted chestnut aromas with some violet, wildflower notes. Medium-bodied and quite forward with mouth-filling blackberry, red cherry fruit flavours and touches of tobacco, roasted chestnut. Fine muscular, dry but plentiful tannins. Finishes firm, long and savoury. Complex and sinewy but probably won't improve greatly. 70% new French oak. Drink now or soon.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2016



2004 RWT BAROSSA VALLEY SHIRAZ

Deep crimson. Intense, fresh and fragrant with blackcurrant, bay leaf, panforte aromas and underlying roasted chestnut notes. Deliciously rich and complex with black fruit, bay leaf, cedar, panforte flavours, fine grainy tannins and vanilla, spicy oak notes. Finishes firm, persistent and sweet with aniseed notes. A beautifully balanced wine with lovely density and fruit complexity. A classic RWT with great potential. 69% new French oak. Drink now or keep.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2016

2005 RWT BAROSSA VALLEY SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson. Scented redcurrant, red cherry, musky, rhubarb aromas with cedar, tobacco, mint notes. A loose-knit, forward style with redcurrant, mocha flavours, hints of tobacco and toffee, fine plentiful chocolatey – slightly grippy – tannins and underlying vanilla notes. Finishes velvety and long with some mineral, spicy notes. A lovely wine with elements starting to harmonise and evolve. 70% new French oak. Drink now or keep.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2025

2006 RWT BAROSSA VALLEY SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson. Very precise and undeveloped but beautifully proportioned and intensely flavoured. Classic dark cherry, blackberry, praline aromas with sage, vanilla, liquorice notes. The palate is lavishly concentrated with a palimpsest of rich ripe fruits, velvety smooth, almost satin-like tannins, mocha, vanilla oak and roasted chestnut, cedar complexity. It finishes grainy firm, with superb flavour length. A wine of great dimension, youthful substance and balance. Will need several years to reach its vertex. A great Penfolds vintage. Drink now but best to keep. 70% new French oak.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2035



2007 RWT BAROSSA VALLEY SHIRAZ

Deep crimson. Fresh blackberry, dark cherry, bay leaf, cedar, mint aromas. Richly flavoured and full-bodied with juicy blackberry, dark chocolate, minty flavours, ample fine dry muscular, slightly leafy tannins and underlying savoury oak. Finishes firm and dry with some vanilla notes. Youthful and tight but should develop well over the medium term. 71% new French oak.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2022

2008 RWT BAROSSA VALLEY SHIRAZ

Deep crimson. Intense blackberry, mulberry aromas with mocha, dark chocolate, spicy notes with a warm ethereal lift. Rich, voluminous and dense with intense blackberry, dark chocolate, spicy, cedar flavours, plush velvety tannins and underlying roasted chestnut, vanilla notes. Finishes chocolatey firm, slightly hot and very long. Still quite elemental but balanced and round. Will last decades. 83% new French oak. Best to keep.

Drinking Window: 2016••• 2035

2009 RWT BAROSSA VALLEY SHIRAZ

Deep crimson. Elemental dark berry, elderberry, liquorice, aniseed aromas with vanilla, dark chocolate, cedar, spice notes. Lovely concentrated, generous and buoyant palate with juicy elderberry, dark berry, chinotto/cola notes, rich chocolatey tannins and integrated vanilla, ginger notes. It finishes chalky firm, with abundant fruit sweetness and flavour length. Ample and seductive with impressive vinosity, density and richness. A classic 'iron fist in velvet glove' style. Great potential. Only time will tell. 60% new French oak. Best to keep.

Drinking Window: 2018••• 2038



2010 RWT BAROSSA VALLEY SHIRAZ

Deep crimson. Intense, elemental and luscious with expressive crushed blackberry, cranberry, elderberry aromas and underlying dark chocolate notes. Smooth buoyant, blackberry, cranberry, elderberry flavours with some mint, star anise notes, abundant chocolatey fine tannins and mocha, vanilla oak notes. Finishes long, sweet and velvety smooth. Extraordinary in its richness, power, weight and balance. Possesses all the hallmarks of a great Penfolds vintage. Great cellaring potential. 80% new French oak. Best to keep.

Drinking Window: 2020••• 2050

