

CELLAR RESERVE
BAROSSA VALLEY SHIRAZ
COONAWARRA CABERNET
2016



OVERVIEW The tradition of innovation and experimentation is central to the Penfolds winemaking philosophy and is perpetuated in the form of Penfolds Cellar Reserve wines. These sometimes one off releases emerge periodically when experimental wines, which have been nurtured carefully in the winery cellars, are deemed appropriate for public release. The wines do not necessarily fit into any particular genre and provide Penfolds winemakers with the freedom to strive for new styles and definitions of excellence in their expression.

GRAPE VARIETY 74% Shiraz, 26% Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARD REGION Barossa Valley, Coonawarra

WINE ANALYSIS Alc/Vol: 14.5% Acidity: 7.2g/L pH: 3.57

MATURATION 13 months in French (47% new, 13% 1 y.o) and American oak (40% new) hogsheads

VINTAGE CONDITIONS The 2016 vintage was a standout for Barossa Valley shiraz. The growing season offered warm, dry spring conditions ideal for flowering and fruit set. It was relatively dry, with rainfall well below the long-term average. Some welcome rain in late January was followed by mild conditions leading into harvest. Old vines handled the dry conditions well, producing small concentrated berries with grippy, ripe tannins and full flavour. Coonawarra also experienced a dry growing season and mild conditions leading into harvest, allowing for even ripening and strong flavour development.

COLOUR Deep purple core with a crimson rim

NOSE Initially, an exotic amalgam of fig paste, dark plum compote and Swiss milk chocolate. Another swirl reveals beetroot glaze, fresh vanilla bean, star anise and pouch tobacco.

PALATE Gorgeous oak derived vanilla cream texture well juxtaposed by velvety cocoa powder fruit tannins. Plush, rich and lingering long on the palate. Closer examination reveals flavours of toasted fennel seeds interplaying with rich berried fruit characters reminiscent of dark Christmas cake and berry compote.

PEAK DRINKING 2022 - 2040

LAST TASTED Feb 2020

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