



Bin 389 is often referred to as ‘Poor Man’s Grange’ or ‘Baby Grange’, in part because components of the wine are matured in the same barrels that held the previous vintage of Grange. First made in 1960, by the legendary Max Schubert, this was the wine that helped to build Penfolds solid reputation with red wine drinkers.

Combining the structure of Cabernet with the richness of Shiraz, Bin 389 also exemplifies Penfolds skill in judiciously balancing fruit and oak.

REWARDS OF PATIENCE SEVENTH EDITION – TASTING NOTES

BIN 389 CABERNET SHIRAZ 1961 – 2010

1961 BIN 389 CABERNET SHIRAZ

Medium-deep brick red. Flinty, demi-glace, leather, spice aromas with a hint of herb garden and dark chocolate. A supple sweet-fruited palate with dark chocolate, panforte, demi-glace flavours, lovely mid-palate volume and richness, fine loose-knit chalky tannins and mineral acidity. Finishes lacy, firm and dry with some leather, spice notes. Has now reached the end of its drinking window. Some bottles are now past. Nonetheless this is a remarkable old wine. Drink now.

Drinking Window: Now ●● Past



1964 BIN 389 CABERNET SHIRAZ

Medium-deep brick red. Fragrant and complex toffee, leather, graphite, dark chocolate aromas with some herb notes. Well-concentrated and developed leather, sweet dark chocolate, leafy flavours with fine lacy dry tannins. Finishes quite chalky and lean. Starting to fragment. Some bottles are now on the downward slide. Drink up.

Drinking Window: Now ••• Past

1966 BIN 389 CABERNET SHIRAZ

Medium-deep brick red. Salted liquorice, seaweed aromas with some red fruit notes. A touch oxidised with salted liquorice, dried fruit, earthy flavours and sinewy dry, al dente tannins. Leafy firm at the finish. The fruit has dropped out now. A great old vintage diminished by time. Drink up.

Drinking Window: Now••• Past

1967 BIN 389 CABERNET SHIRAZ

Medium brick red. Fresh toasty, marmalade, roasted chestnut, redcurrant, sage aromas. Very complex and concentrated with toasty, roasted chestnut, leather, redcurrant flavours and fine chalky, slightly chewy tannins. Still tangy and vibrant with some graphite, smoky notes at the finish. A lovely old wine but now near its end. Drink up.

Drinking Window: Now••• Past

1970 BIN 389 CABERNET SHIRAZ

Medium-deep brick red. Intense camphor, herb garden, redcurrant, leather, mushroom aromas with lovely toasty, marmalade notes. Well-concentrated redcurrant, orange peel, demi-glace, leather flavours with fine loose-knit, muscular tannins. Finishes chalky firm with some leafy notes. Still has concentration and richness. Some bottles are beginning to dry out now.

Drinking Window: Now



1971 BIN 389 CABERNET SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson to brick red. Fully mature wine with praline, apricot, dark chocolate, earthy, polished leather aromas. Supple, dense, chocolatey wine with developed dark chocolate, espresso, herb flavours and lacy dry tannins. Finishes flavourful and minerally with some mushroom notes. At the brink of its life, but still impressively complex and balanced.

Drinking Window: Now

1972 BIN 389 CABERNET SHIRAZ

Most bottles are past their optimum drinking window.

Drinking Window: Past

1973 BIN 389 CABERNET SHIRAZ

Most bottles are past their optimum drinking window.

Drinking Window: Past

1974 BIN 389 CABERNET SHIRAZ

Most bottles are past.

Drinking Window: Past



1975 BIN 389 CABERNET SHIRAZ

Medium-deep brick red. Lovely dark chocolate, meaty, dark berry aromas with some apricot notes. Well concentrated and fully mature wine with ample praline, meaty, earthy flavours and soupy, dry, muscular tannins. Finishes minerally and long. A robust style with plenty of sweet fruit notes. Probably best to drink soon.

Drinking Window: Now

1976 BIN 389 CABERNET SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson to brick red. Fragrant dark berry, salted liquorice aromas with some ironstone, rusty notes. Reticent at first with dark berry, liquorice and praline flavours, fine chalky dry tannins and some herb garden notes. It builds up richness and length at the finish. It has lost its magic now, but it will hold for a while.

Drinking Window: Now

1977 BIN 389 CABERNET SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson. Complex expressive orange peel, apricot, praline aromas with some leather, sandalwood, spice notes. Rich supple panforte, apricot, salted liquorice flavours, loose-knit chalky tannins, plenty of mid-palate fruit sweetness and mineral notes at the finish. A fully mature wine with lovely flowing texture and vinosity. Drink now.

Drinking Window: Now

1978 BIN 389 CABERNET SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson. Fresh herb garden, graphite, sweet fruit, dark berry, spicy aromas with a touch of mint. Well-concentrated and sturdy with redcurrant, leafy, graphite flavours, tertiary roasted walnut notes, a thread of fruit sweetness and loose-knit slightly dry tannins. Elegant and muscular but still holding. Drink soon.

Drinking Window: Now



1979 BIN 389 CABERNET SHIRAZ

Medium-deep brick red. Intense roasted coffee, dark berry, dried fruit, liquorice aromas with mocha, panforte, sous bois notes. Generous liquorice, dark chocolate, espresso, herb flavours, sweet mocha notes and muscular dry, touch grippy tannins. Finishes firm and tight. A solid wine with plenty of richness and length. Now entering its dotage. Drink soon.

Drinking Window: Now

1980 BIN 389 CABERNET SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson to brick red. Intense, leafy, cassis, praline, panforte aromas with polished leather, spicy notes. The palate is richly concentrated with deep-set praline, dark fruit, panforte flavours, underlying savoury sous bois notes and gritty, dry, leafy tannins. Finishes granular and minerally. It still has energy and persistency but the structure dominates the fruit. Drink soon.

Drinking Window: Now

1981 BIN 389 CABERNET SHIRAZ

Medium-deep brick red. Roasted walnut, leather, smoky, sandalwood, toffee, black fruit aromas with some minty notes. A complex, dense chocolatey wine with plenty of panforte, roasted chestnut, black fruit flavours, abundant granular, touch leafy, tannins and underlying savoury, roasted walnut, malty notes. A firm style with plenty of spicy fruit sweetness and richness.

Drinking Window: Now ••• Past



1982 BIN 389 CABERNET SHIRAZ

Medium-deep brick red. Fragrant red cherry, redcurrant, sage aromas with leafy, herb garden, dark chocolate notes. Smooth, silky palate with redcurrant pastille, chocolate, herb, tea leaf flavours, lovely mid-palate fruit sweetness and supple, fine-grained tannins. Builds up chalky dry but the flavours lengthen out at the finish. The wine is evolving in the most surprising and delightful way. Drink now or possibly wait for a while.

Drinking Window: Now

1983 BIN 389 CABERNET SHIRAZ

Medium-deep brick red. Intense panforte, roasted earth, liquorice aromas with blackberry, hazelnut, toffee notes. Well-concentrated blackberry, panforte, earthy, graphite flavours, plentiful savoury dry tannins and underlying crème brûlée, orange peel notes. Finishes chalky firm but long and sweet. It has reached its full potential now but will hold for a few more years.

Drinking Window: Now

1984 BIN 389 CABERNET SHIRAZ

Medium-deep brick crimson. Intense dark chocolate, dark plum, vanilla aromas with some liquorice, herb garden notes. Rich soupy wine with deep-set dark choco-berry, panforte, vanilla flavours, underlying savoury notes and loose-knit, grainy, touch rusty tannins. Finishes firm and flavourful with confectionary, glacé fruit nuances. Drinking well now; should hold for a while.

Drinking Window: Now



1985 BIN 389 CABERNET SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson to brick red. Fresh blackberry, sage, tar, pot pourri aromas. Concentrated and juicy with vanilla, crème caramel, blackberry, roasted earth, aniseed flavours, underlying spicy notes and chocolatey rich, slightly muscular tannins. Finishes tangy with plenty of sweet fruit. Not a classic vintage but shows lovely fruit complexity, density and flavour length. Drink now or hold for a while.

Drinking Window: Now

1986 BIN 389 CABERNET SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson. Complex and classic with dark chocolate, praline, espresso, dark berry aromas with sage, demi-glace notes. Ripe, expressive and generous with deep-set praline, dark berry, spicy flavours, underlying sweet vanilla notes, cedary, almost briary tannins and gentle mineral acidity. Finishes al dente firm but richness of fruit gives an expansive roundness. Lovely vinosity and personality. In top form, but could develop further.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2018

1987 BIN 389 CABERNET SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson. Intense redcurrant, leafy, roasted chestnut aromas with sous bois notes. Well-concentrated wine with ample redcurrant, cranberry flavours, underlying mocha notes and plentiful chalky, lacy tannins. Finishes chewy/leafy dry. A difficult vintage. Drink soon.

Drinking Window: Now



1988 BIN 389 CABERNET SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson. Fragrant cassis, herb garden aromas with spearmint, sage notes. Rich and flavourful with blackcurrant, plum, minty flavours, underlying savoury notes and velvety, touch leafy, tannins. Finishes firm and minerally with some rich panforte notes. A substantial wine with plenty of fruit complexity and volume. Drink now.

Drinking Window: Now

1989 BIN 389 CABERNET SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson. Intense ripe, black cherry, raspberry aromas with vanilla, spice, dark chocolatey notes. Concentrated red cherry, blackberry, praline, herb flavours, plush velvety firm tannins and plenty of vanilla oak notes. Finishes long and sweet. Lovely to drink now.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2018

1990 BIN 389 CABERNET SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson. Intense dark chocolate, dark berry, panforte, mocha aromas with a hint of mint. Rich, voluminous wine with dark berry, panforte flavours, abundant chocolatey tannins, plenty of mid-palate richness and superb fruit sweetness. Finishes chalky firm and long. A beautifully balanced wine with lovely fruit complexity, density and flow. Should last the distance. Drink now or keep for a long while.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2025



1991 BIN 389 CABERNET SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson. Fragrant, roasted coffee, salted liquorice, beef stock aromas with some eucalypt, toffee notes. Intensely concentrated and vigorous with dense roasted coffee, blackberry, liquorice, roasted walnut characters, underlying savoury, mocha notes and supple graphite tannins. Finishes chocolatey long with plenty of sweet fruitiness. A classic Bin 389. Drink now or keep.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2025

1992 BIN 389 CABERNET SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson. Fragrant redcurrant, red liquorice, vanilla aromas with bouquet garni notes. A dense, richly flavoured wine with redcurrant, dried fruit, spicy, herb garden notes and plentiful chalky, dry tannins. It builds up grippy firm at the finish. A solid muscular wine packed with sweet fruit, tannins and mineral notes. Drink soon.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2016

1993 BIN 389 CABERNET SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson. Fresh roasted walnut, cassis, black olive aromas with some praline, polished leather, barnyard notes. Concentrated dark chocolatey, walnut, panforte flavours and fine-grained, touch leafy tannins. Finishes sappy with complex sweet fruit, silage notes. A difficult year. Unlikely to improve greatly. Best to drink soon.

Drinking Window: Now



1994 BIN 389 CABERNET SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson. Intense and complex blackberry, dark chocolate, seaweed, liquorice, minty, bouquet garni aromas. Rich and powerful with deep-set dark chocolate mint flavours, earthy, meaty, black olive nuances and sinewy/leafy tannins. This is an atypical vintage with plenty of stuffing to last the distance, but will it ever really soften out? Drink now or keep.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2020

1995 BIN 389 CABERNET SHIRAZ

Medium-deep red. Intense espresso, dark berry, mulberry aromas with some graphite, sweet fruit notes. Sweet, dark berry, mulberry, ground coffee flavours, chocolatey, al dente textured tannins, underlying mocha notes and a leafy dry finish. A firm, muscular style with plenty of buoyancy, fruit density, richness and length. Drink now or keep for a while.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2016

1996 BIN 389 CABERNET SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson. Intense praline, blackberry, panforte, malty aromas with lifted mint, aniseed notes. Plush, expansive and fresh with generous praline, chocolate/dark berry flavours, underlying vanilla, ginger, oak and fine plentiful chalky tannins. Finishes firm with plenty of flavour length. Rich and voluminous with superb tannin structure, power and fruit complexity. Drink now or keep.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2025



1997 BIN 389 CABERNET SHIRAZ

Medium-deep red. Fresh, redcurrant, leafy aromas with walnut, polished leather, mint and violet notes. Fleshy sweet redcurrant, plum flavours, firm gravelly tannins and underlying savoury nuances. Plenty of mid-palate richness but tannins muscle up towards the finish. Best to drink soon.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2016

1998 BIN 389 CABERNET SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson. Powerful dark chocolate, dark berry aromas with cedar, malt, panforte and sweet fruit notes. Rich, voluminous and buoyant with superb rich sweet fruit, dark berry, praline notes, abundant fine chalky firm tannins and underlying savoury spicy notes. Finishes grainy firm, long and fruit-sweet. Lovely vinosity and generosity of flavour. An outstanding vintage with plenty of cellaring potential. Drink now but recommended to keep.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2030

1999 BIN 389 CABERNET SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson. Complex roasted chestnut, blackberry, graphite aromas with apricot, herb garden, grilled almond nuances. Richly concentrated with developed blackberry, graphite, dark chocolate, roasted chestnut, cola flavours, plentiful muscular tannins and underlying acidity. Salted liquorice, praline, bittersweet notes at finish. More advanced than 1998, but showing lovely fruit complexity. Drink now or keep.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2020



2000 BIN 389 CABERNET SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson. Fragrant redcurrant, cranberry aromas with geranium, herb garden notes. The palate is sweet and fleshy with dried fruits, plum, dark chocolate flavours, underlying savoury notes and slinky dry, loose-knit tannins. Finishes long and tangy. Pleasant to drink but it doesn't have the density or energy for long-term ageing. Best to drink soon.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2016

2001 BIN 389 CABERNET SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson. Fresh cassis, cherry, redcurrant aromas with leafy, sage notes. Richly concentrated, substantial and buoyant with abundant sweet blackcurrant, dark chocolate flavours, fine slinky/velvety tannins and underlying malty, vanilla notes. Finishes chewy firm and fruit sweet. A generous wine but with a rigid structure. Drink now or keep.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2020

2002 BIN 389 CABERNET SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson. Intense dark chocolate, blackcurrant, mulberry, vanilla aromas with herb garden, mint notes. The palate is well concentrated and balanced, with deep-set cassis, mulberry, plum, praline flavours, an underlay of mocha, savoury notes and fine-grained tannins. It finishes classically firm with lingering savoury, sweet fruit nuances. A beautifully structured wine. Drink now or keep.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2030

2003 BIN 389 CABERNET SHIRAZ

Medium-deep red to purple. Intense dark berry, cassis, dark chocolate aromas with sage, spicy notes. Fleshy and concentrated with juicy blackberry, cassis, raspberry, dark chocolate flavours, spicy nuances and chalky firm tannins. Finishes grippy with a peppery, alcoholic kick. A solid wine with excellent fruit generosity and drive, but best to drink soon.



2004 BIN 389 CABERNET SHIRAZ

Medium-deep purple red. Fresh juicy cassis, blackberry, brambly aromas with some herb/leafy notes. Tightly structured, well concentrated and expressive with blackberry, graphite, brambly flavours and classic fine-grained tannins. Finishes firm with a long flavourful tail. Wonderful vinosity and energy. A top Penfolds vintage. Should continue to evolve for decades. Drink now but best to keep.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2035

2005 BIN 389 CABERNET SHIRAZ

Medium-deep purple red. Crème de cassis, mulberry, praline aromas with a hint of herb, cedar/spice. Fresh seductive mulberry, blackcurrant, praline, herb flavours, plentiful, chocolatey tannins and underlying malty nuances. Finishes firm and cedary with superb fruit sweetness. Lovely density and richness of flavour with a sinuous structure. Compelling potential. Drink now, but best to keep.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2035

2006 BIN 389 CABERNET SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson. Intensely perfumed crème de cassis, dark cherry, vanilla, malt aromas with garrigue notes. Generous, expressive and superbly balanced with blackcurrant, dark cherry, praline, vanilla, malt flavours, lovely mid-palate juiciness and fine cedary tannins. Finishes firm with a lingering plume of fruit sweetness. Beautiful wine with great structural integrity and balance. 'This is one of the greatest Bin 389s of all.' You can drink this now but best to keep.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2025



2007 BIN 389 CABERNET SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson. Fragrant blackberry pastille, white pepper aromas with a touch of violet. Medium-bodied with gentle white pepper, blackberry, spice flavours and loose-knit chalky al dente tannins. It doesn't have the precision, weight or overall balance for longevity. Drink now or keep for a while.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2020

2008 BIN 389 CABERNET SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson. Fresh, powerful and elemental with intense inky, mulberry, blackberry, aniseed, ginger, malt aromas. The palate is immensely concentrated, fleshy and vibrant with plush blackberry, cassis, mulberry fruit, underlying ginger, malty, vanilla oak notes and plentiful chocolatey sweet tannins. It finishes velvety firm, sweet-fruited and long. Lovely density, richness and length. Easy to drink now, yet still best to keep.

Drinking Window: 2016••• 2050

2009 BIN 389 CABERNET SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson to purple. Fresh, exuberant dark cherry, elderberry, star anise aromas accompanied by savoury, ginger oak. Richly concentrated, elemental and powerful wine packed with dark cherry, elderberry, liquorice, star anise flavours, assertive firm, almost brutish, tannins and plenty of new vanilla oak. Dense, almost impenetrable fruit is matched equally with a solid structure. Its full potential will take decades to realise. Best to keep.

Drinking Window: 2018••• 2045



2010 BIN 389 CABERNET SHIRAZ

Deep crimson purple. Impressively powerful with intense blueberry, blackberry, liquorice aromas and dark chocolate, ginger, marzipan, oak nuances. A substantial palate with remarkable richness and concentration. Saturated blackberry essence, juicy fruit, liquorice, aniseed flavours are balanced by abundant ripe generous tannins and plenty of vanilla, malt, ginger oak notes. It finishes chocolatey firm with tremendous drive and depth of flavour. All the elements are in harmony. It's delicious but ultimately this wine needs time to reveal its true potential. Keep.

Drinking Window: 2020••• 2050

