

CELEBRATING
175
YEARS
PENFOLDS WINES

TRIBUTE RANGE
THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF
SHIRAZ CABERNET
2017



OVERVIEW For 175 years, Penfolds has been grounded in experimentation, curiosity and uncompromising quality. This foundation has driven us since the very beginning and with each generation of custodians it is celebrated. As we mark our 175th year, Penfolds honours those who defined our history. Mary Penfold was the original leading lady. A force to be reckoned with, Mary's progressive attitude catapulted Penfolds forward as winemakers. She'd command from a white mare, watching over the vineyard with her treasured spyglass close at hand. Opulent red Shiraz fruits are supported by the fine structural Cabernet Sauvignon tannins. All beautifully captured in this classic Penfolds multi-regional blend, worthy of Mary's strong spirit.

GRAPE VARIETY Shiraz 75% , Cabernet Sauvignon 25%

VINEYARD REGION South Australia

WINE ANALYSIS Alc/Vol: 14.5%, Acidity: 6.5 g/L, pH: 3.65

MATURATION 12 months seasoned French (45%), seasoned (36%) and new (9%) American oak.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS Above-average winter and spring rainfall offered the vines across South Australia healthy soil moisture profiles for the growing season. Below average temperatures slowed vine growth in early spring with temperatures warming in October. The lower than average temperatures and abundant rainfall during the growing season produced a vintage that challenged grape growers. Weather conditions during ripening were generally dry with prevailing conditions favouring fully ripened grapes with well-developed colours and flavours. Late rain delayed harvest by around a month resulting in a drawn out vintage.

COLOUR Deep red with purple hues

NOSE An evocative ascent of violet and lavender with a dusting of icing sugar and fresh berries.
A fresh aromatic lift!

PALATE Quince paste, rhubarb, sour cherry to the fore. Svelte and even tannins add mouthwatering complexity ...
Combined with integrated oak to create wonderfully woven, balanced palate, with a long lingering finish.

PEAK DRINKING Now - 2030

LAST TASTED November 2018

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