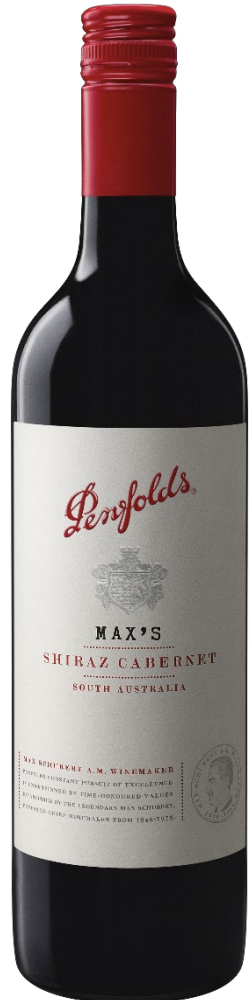


MAX'S
SHIRAZ CABERNET
SOUTH AUSTRALIA
2018



OVERVIEW Penfolds Max's Shiraz Cabernet is a tribute to former Chief Winemaker Max Schubert 1948-1975, a legend in Penfolds history. Max's constant pursuit of excellence paved the way for those who followed in his footsteps and also allowed the status and heritage of Penfolds to grow. An approachable Penfolds style on release - straight to glass, save the cellar.

GRAPE VARIETY 64% Shiraz, 36% Cabernet

VINEYARD REGION South Australia

WINE ANALYSIS Alc/Vol: 14.5%, Acidity: 6.4 g/L, pH: 3.58

MATURATION 12 months in French oak American oak

VINTAGE CONDITIONS Above-average winter and spring rainfall offered the vines across South Australia healthy soil moisture profiles for the growing season. Cool days and cooler nights slowed vine growth in early spring with temperatures warming in October. Late flowering and veraison delayed harvest by a few weeks. Weather conditions during ripening were generally dry and favoured fully ripened grapes with well-developed colours and flavours.

COLOUR Magenta core with crimson edges

NOSE A gorgeous amalgamation of two expressive varietals, each flattering the other in a synergistic union. Ripe cherry and Swiss milk chocolate aromatics invites further investigation. A second swirl releases cabernet varietal-derived spearmint, interwoven with raspberry, cinnamon and fennel.

PALATE A lovely balanced palate with fresh red currant and plum fruit backed by lively acidity. There is more than a hint of charcuterie with cured fennel sausage foremost in mind. Seasoned oak has integrated well to deliver a creamy texture and cola spice nuances. Fruit derived tannins are both fine and velvety.

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