

The Barossa Valley was planted extensively with Shiraz, Mataro and Grenache by the early settlers. In the 1950s Penfolds started experimenting with table wine blends of Shiraz and the robust grape variety Mourvèdre (Mataro). In response to a growing international market for the highly perfumed wines of the Southern Rhone, Penfolds introduced the 1992 vintage of the Old Vine Barossa Valley Shiraz Grenache Mourvèdre.

The wine was elevated to the Bin range with the 1998 Bin 138. Sourced from old, lowyielding Barossa Valley vines, this is one of the few wines that remains in component form during older, oak maturation and is blended just prior to bottling."

### **REWARDS OF PATIENCE SEVENTH EDITION – TASTING NOTES**

### BIN 138 BAROSSA VALLEY SHIRAZ GRENACHE MATARO 1998 – 2011

# **1998** BIN 138 BAROSSA VALLEY SHIRAZ GRENACHE MATARO

Medium-deep crimson. Fresh musky plum, fruit-sweet, dark chocolate aromas. Richly concentrated and buoyant with plenty of fruit sweetness, persistent dark chocolate, plum, prune flavours and loose-knit velvety tannins. Generous and voluminous. At the peak of development. Drink soon.

55% Shiraz, 25% Grenache, 20% Mataro.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2015



Medium-deep crimson. Fresh herb garden, liquorice, dark berry aromas with red cherry, chinotto/cola notes. Well-concentrated wine with herb garden, dark berry, raspberry, mulberry flavours, some brambly notes and fine loose-knit chalky tannins. Finishing leafy firm and long. Still quite juicy and complex but drink soon.

36% Shiraz, 34% Mataro, 30% Grenache.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2015

### 2001 BIN 138 BAROSSA VALLEY SHIRAZ GRENACHE MATARO

Medium-deep crimson. Intense musky, roasted coffee/espresso aromas with walnut, dark plum notes. Fresh and juicy with deep-set roasted coffee, prune, dark chocolate flavours and lacy dry, touch al dente, tannins. Finishes leafy firm. Best to drink soon.

44% Shiraz, 35% Grenache, 21% Mataro.

Drinking Window: Now

# 2002 BIN 138 BAROSSA VALLEY SHIRAZ GRENACHE MATARO

Medium-deep crimson. Fresh but evolved herb, violet, praline, musky plum aromas with a touch of white pepper. Elegantly proportioned wine with praline, plum flavours, plentiful chalky/chocolatey tannins and juicy/tangy notes. Still has vinosity and generosity. Best to drink soon.

44% Grenache, 30% Shiraz, 26% Mataro.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2016



Medium-deep crimson. Raspberry, mulberry, musky, violet aromas with porty notes. Generous, slightly confected, persistent sweet fruit, raspberry, mulberry flavours, underlying spicy notes and loose-knit chalky textures. Finishes minerally, firm and long.

69% Grenache, 16% Shiraz, 15% Mataro.

Drinking Window: Now

# 2004 BIN 138 BAROSSA VALLEY SHIRAZ GRENACHE MATARO

Medium-deep crimson. Dark chocolate, plum, praline aromas. Very buoyant and fresh with lovely deep-set musky, plum, praline flavours. Quite fleshy and fruit-sweet on the midpalate with loose-knit chocolatey tannins. Finishes minerally and long. At the peak of development with some tertiary elements just beginning to appear. Optimum drinking now.

49% Grenache, 40% Shiraz, 11% Mataro.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2018

2005 BIN 138 BAROSSA VALLEY SHIRAZ GRENACHE MATARO

Medium-deep crimson. Fresh dark plum, chocolate, vanilla, raspberry, mulberry aromas. Raspberry, mulberry flavours, underlying sandalwood notes, bitter, chalky graphite textures and marked acidity. The fruit is still generous and fleshy, but the tannins build up quite muscularly firm at the finish.

71% Grenache, 15% Shiraz, 14% Mataro.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2020



Medium-deep crimson. Fresh, intense, pure mulberry, raspberry, brambly aromas with strawberry, dark chocolate notes. Well-concentrated mulberry, plum, herb garden flavours with supple sweet fruit notes and chocolatey tannins. Finishes brambly and juicy. A classic year.

39% Shiraz, 32% Grenache, 29% Mataro.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2020

2007 BIN 138 BAROSSA VALLEY SHIRAZ GRENACHE MATARO

Medium-deep crimson. Fresh raspberry, herb garden aromas with notes of dried roses. Medium-concentrated but ample with raspberry pastille, herb flavours, complex praline notes and cedary dry tannins. Finishes supple, sweet and long. Enjoy while the fruit is ascendant. Drink soon.

39% Shiraz, 32% Grenache, 29% Mataro.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2016

### 2008 BIN 138 BAROSSA VALLEY SHIRAZ GRENACHE MATARO

Deep crimson. Intense, smooth, blackberry, musky aromas with praline notes. Rich voluminous, seductive palate with abundant sweet blackberry/cassis, praline flavours and plentiful chocolatey, velvety tannins. Finishes firm but sweet-fruited. Lovely balance and weight. Drink or keep for a while.

42% Shiraz, 30% Mataro, 28% Grenache.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2020



Medium-deep crimson. Fresh musky, blackberry, raspberry, plum aromas with brambly notes. Rich, ripe, concentrated palate with musky, blackberry, raspberry flavours, plenty of mid-palate richness and lovely chocolatey, graphite tannins. A brambly, juicy, minerally finish. Plush and exotic with lovely vinosity and freshness. Delicious drinking.

67% Grenache, 21% Shiraz, 12% Mataro.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2020

### 2010 BIN 138 BAROSSA VALLEY SHIRAZ GRENACHE MATARO

Deep colour. Pristine blackberry, liquorice/aniseed aromas. Elemental, exuberant and seductive with beautiful sweet blackberry, liquorice/aniseed, herb flavours, pronounced chalky tannins and mineral acidity. All the elements are perfectly balanced. Superb density, richness and volume. Delicious drinking now, but will enjoy a second life!

50% Grenache, 27% Shiraz, 23% Mataro.

Drinking Window: Now \*\*\* 2025

### 2011 BIN 138 BAROSSA VALLEY SHIRAZ GRENACHE MATARO

Medium-deep colour. Fresh, vivid, floral, musky plum, cola, aniseed aromas. A wellconcentrated palate with juicy plum, raspberry-jam flavours, fine bitter-sweet, slightly pippy tannins and fresh mineral acidity. Ready to drink, and delicious. Tasted at release in 2013.

65% Shiraz, 20% Grenache, 15% Mataro.

Drinking Window: Now \*\*\* 2018

