



# Bin 138 Old Vine Red

2001

Elevated to the Bin range with the 1998 vintage, Penfolds Bin 138 showcases the classic Rhone varieties of Shiraz, Grenache and Mourvedre, with a Barossa Valley flavour. Launched in 1995 with the 1992 vintage, the wine was developed by Penfolds Chief Winemaker, John Duval, in response to growing interest in the regional varietal spoils of The Barossa Valley.



VINEYARD REGION	Barossa Valley
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	Good winter rains and soil moisture levels started the Barossa off well and led to a very good early growing season. Growth was vigorous and flowering was successful despite exceptional heat in January. Shiraz and Grenache thrived in the conditions, delivering excellent fruit with great intensity of flavour.
GRAPE VARIETY	Grenache, Mourvedre, Shiraz (Syrah)
MATURATION	The wine was aged for 17 months in used American and French oak.
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol: 14.0% Acidity: 6.2g/L pH: 3.5
LAST TASTED	2002-12-16
PEAK DRINKING	Now - 2008
FOOD MATCHES	Duck & Game, Lamb

## Winemaker comments by Peter Gago - Penfolds Chief Winemaker

### COLOUR

Deep magenta with purple on rim.

### NOSE

Alluring overt primary fruits to the fore - redcurrant, wild raspberry conserve - hovering above a savoury base - cold meats and spice. Youthful yet complex.

### PALATE

Excellent mouthfeel - at once dense, and yet fleshy with vibrant fruits having a profound impact. An amalgam of stewed rhubarb, blackberry and raspberry imparted from the three varieties are conveyed by pronounced fine-grained tannins. A lovely rich mid-p