



Bin 138 Old Vine Red

1999

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.

The 1999 vintage is a blend of 36 per cent Shiraz, 34 per cent Mourvedre and 30 per cent Grenache. Leathery, earthy and savoury flavours with minimal oak influence confirm that a good blend is more than the sum of its parts.



VINEYARD REGION	Barossa Valley
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	Dry conditions in spring and summer were alleviated by rain in March and yielded concentrated, ripe fruit. 1999 red wines will be best enjoyed in the short-to-medium term.
GRAPE VARIETY	Grenache, Mourvedre, Shiraz (Syrah)
MATURATION	13 months in used American and French oak.
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol: 13.9% Acidity: 6.3g/L pH: 3.4
LAST TASTED	2001-06-07
PEAK DRINKING	Now - 2008
FOOD MATCHES	Beef

Winemaker comments by John Duval

COLOUR

Deep garnet

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Bright fruits, savoury spices, cold meats and a heady crushed dandelion note offer instant appeal. More earthy tobacco and peppery aromas rise upon sitting in the glass.

PALATE

Fresh rhubarb and wild raspberry fruits with an underlying earthiness surround a narrow but profound core. Lovely acid balance and lively elongated tannins add length and style to this medium-bodied wine. A stylish red wine, certainly neither brash nor overt, relying on fruit and balance - without the obtrusion of excesses of oak, extract or alcohol.