

MAX'S
CABERNET SAUVIGNON
SOUTH AUSTRALIA
2016



OVERVIEW Penfolds Max's Cabernet Sauvignon 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. Max's Cabernet Sauvignon displays the Penfolds 'stamp' inspired by Max Schubert.

GRAPE VARIETY Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARD REGION McLaren Vale, Wrattenbully & Coonawarra.

WINE ANALYSES Alc/Vol: 14.5%, Acidity: 6.6 g/L, pH: 3.60

MATURATION 12 months in new French oak (6%) and new American oak (7%) with the balance in seasoned oak.

VINTAGE CONIDITIONS Autumn and winter were dry and cool across South Australia. Record-low rainfall prevailed through September to March, with some relief seen only in January and February. The climactic conditions meant the start of the growing season was slightly delayed in most regions. The relatively mild 'Indian' summer, characterised by an absence of extreme heat, ensured the fruit was able to ripen evenly and develop desirable flavours.

COLOUR Dark red with crimson hues.

NOSE Pink peppercorn, chargrilled zucchini and barbequed red meats is the instant perfume. Cedar and lavender incense waft in the background.

PALATE Taut in texture, fine tannin with a savoury profile. Cranberry represents the red fruit spectrum, with lingering flavours of yellow plum, bay leaf and sage. Root vegetable earthiness is evident on the finish. Structurally framed by beautifully integrated French and American oak, present but rarely mentioned.

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LAST TASTED December 2017

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