



Created in 1962, Penfolds Bin 128 is a regional wine that reflects the unique climate and growing conditions of South Australia's Coonawarra district and the relatively elegant style of cool-climate Shiraz. From the 1980 vintage, French oak replaced American, highlighting the pepper, spice and floral characteristics that define this style. Since this time, greater attention to fruit flavour ripeness has structurally resulted in a more complete and complex wine style.

REWARDS OF PATIENCE SEVENTH EDITION – TASTING NOTES

BIN 128 1962-2011

1962 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Most bottles are past their optimum drinking window.

Drinking Window: Past

1963 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson to brick red. Barnyard, leather, amontillado aromas. Supple, smooth, leather, amontillado, nutty flavours and fine loose-knit, chalky tannins. Finishes flavourful and long with some mineral notes. Surprisingly fresh and concentrated. Most bottles are not as good as this. Generally past.

Drinking Window: Now•••Past

1964 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Most bottles are past their optimum drinking window.

Drinking Window: Past



1965 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Most bottles are past their optimum drinking window.

Drinking Window: Past

1966 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson brick red. Fresh panforte, leather, walnut aromas. Beautiful concentration, fresh panforte, dark chocolate, sweet fruit flavours, some walnut notes and slinky, dry tannins. Finishes grippy, long and savoury with sweet fruit notes. Generally past!

Drinking Window: Past

1967 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Most bottles are past their optimum drinking window.

Drinking Window: Past

1968 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Most bottles are past their optimum drinking window.

Drinking Window: Past

1969 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Most bottles are past their optimum drinking window.

Drinking Window: Past



1970 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson to brick red. Very fresh, mushroom, truffle, panforte aromas with dark chocolate notes. Fresh mushroom, truffle, panforte flavours with a touch of leather and spice, fine-grained, muscular tannins and fresh mineral acidity. Finishes chalky with plenty of flavour length.

Drinking Window: Now•••Past

1971 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Medium-deep brick red. Intense saddle-leather, mint, dark chocolate aromas with earthy, smoky, meaty, bitumen notes. Fresh, but a touch metallic with developed leather, mint, tarry flavours, chalky, loose-knit tannins and some mineral notes. Finishes chalky, firm and long. Drink soon.

Drinking Window: Now••• Past

1972 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Most bottles are past their optimum drinking window.

Drinking Window: Past

1973 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Most bottles are past their optimum drinking window.

Drinking Window: Past



1974 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Most bottles are past their optimum drinking window.

Drinking Window: Past

1975 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson to brick red. Fresh grilled nuts, amontillado, earthy aromas with underlying red fruit characters. Concentrated redcurrant, bitumen, graphite flavours with saddle-leather notes, fine slinky, dry tannins and underlying silage nuances. Finishes grippy firm with good flavour length.

Drinking Window: Now

1976 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson to brick red. Fresh, walnut, meaty aromas with a whiff of volatile acidity. Walnut, praline, slightly salty flavours with some redcurrant, prune notes. Fine chalky, almost graphite, rusty tannins. Finishes firm and long with savoury, amontillado-like notes. At the end of its days now.

Drinking Window: Now

1978 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson to brick red. Intense caramel, toffee, crème brûlée, espresso, redcurrant aromas. Redcurrant, roasted coffee, chestnut flavours with some leather notes. Fine, supple tannins and underlying mineral acidity. A touch underpowered.

Drinking Window: Now ••• Past



1980 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson to brick red. Fresh espresso, mocha, earthy, sweet fruit aromas. Earthy, sweet fruit flavours with lingering espresso, nutty, aniseed notes and savoury loose knit, slinky tannins. Finishes chalky firm with acidity starting to poke out. On the downward slide now. Drink up.

Drinking Window: Now

1981 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Most bottles are past their optimum drinking window.

Drinking Window: Past

1982 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Pale-medium brick red. Fragrant redcurrant, cherry, floral aromas with a touch of mint, sage and chocolate. A supple, sweet-fruited wine with red cherry, blackberry pastille flavours, roasted walnut, herb garden, earthy notes and loose-knit lacy tannins. Finishes chalky but long and fruit-sweet. Not as dense as earlier vintages but it still has vinosity and freshness. Drink up.

Drinking Window: Now ••• Past

1983 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Pale-medium brick red. Intense graphite, praline, apricot, leafy aromas with smoky coal dust, barnyard notes. Earthy, dark chocolate flavours with chocolatey dry tannins and underlying savoury notes. Finishes firm but long and flavourful.

Drinking Window: Now



1984 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Most bottles are past their optimum drinking window.

Drinking Window: Past

1985 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Medium crimson to brick red. Fragrant and mature redcurrant, marzipan, roasted chestnut, coffee aromas. Supple, smooth, almost glossy palate with buoyant, redcurrant, panforte flavours and supple, sweet tannins. Finishes long and fruit-sweet with plenty of vinosity and freshness. Lovely balance and richness of flavour. Best to drink soon.

Drinking Window: Now

1986 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Medium-deep brick red. Intense cassis, cedar, roasted coffee aromas with some graphite, leafy, green pepper notes. Sweet, roasted coffee, cassis, cedar flavours, herb-garden nuances and fine-grained, slightly leafy tannins. Quite minerally with leafy, graphite-textured finish. Still has a youthful freshness.

Drinking Window: Now

1987 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Most bottles are past their optimum drinking window.

Drinking Window: Past



1988 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Most bottles are past their optimum drinking window.

Drinking Window: Past

1989 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson to brick red. Red cherry, herb garden, aniseed aromas with leafy, roasted, earthy notes. Well-concentrated red cherry, herb garden flavours and loose-knit, chalky drying tannins. A touch underpowered with leanness on the mid-palate. Finishes minerally.

Drinking Window: Now

1990 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson. Intense ripe blackberry, earthy, panforte aromas. Well-concentrated and generous with blackberry, panforte, earthy flavours, fine, lacy tannins and good mid-palate richness and volume. Finishes chalky firm, long and fruit-sweet with underlying savoury notes. A classic Bin 128 with superb fruit complexity. At the vertex of its development.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2020

1991 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson. Intense, fragrant redcurrant, roasted chestnut aromas with aniseed notes. Classically proportioned wine with redcurrant, roasted chestnut flavours, underlying savoury, spicy notes and finegrained tannins. Finishes supple and fruit-sweet with strong minerally acid notes.

Drinking Window: Now



1992 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson. Complex redcurrant, ferric, graphite aromas with a touch of toffee. Well-concentrated redcurrant, rusty flavours with spicy notes and a slight alcoholic punch. Lacy, dry, chalky tannins with some savoury, walnut notes. Finishes leafy dry and muscular with only medium length.

Drinking Window: Now

1993 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson. Intense redcurrant, tobacco, sage aromas with vanilla notes. Surprising wine with sweet redcurrant fruit, tobacco, minty notes and loose-knit, savoury tannins. Finishes chalky firm with good persistency. Fruit is beginning to fade and the tannins are taking over. Drink soon.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2015

1994 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson brick red. Intense red cherry, blueberry, savoury aromas with hints of mint and vanilla. Sweet-fruited wine with fresh red cherry, blueberry, white pepper flavours and loose-knit, chalky tannins. Finishes tangy with good overall length. Lovely intensity and weight. Drink now or keep for a while.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2016

1995 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson to brick red. Fragrant red cherry, cinnamon, cassis, sweet walnut aromas. Medium-weighted wine with cassis, red cherry, cinnamon flavours and loose-knit, chalky tannins. Quite simple but it has good richness and volume.

Drinking Window: Now



1996 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson. Intense dark chocolate, black cherry aromas with a touch of mint and sage. Beautifully concentrated wine with dark cherry, praline, herb garden flavours and chalky, loose-knit tannins. Finishes leafy firm, buoyant and long.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2018

1997 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson. Redcurrant, aniseed, slightly leafy, tobacco aromas with coffee and white pepper notes. Fresh white pepper, redcurrant flavours and fine slinky, dry tannins. Plenty of vinosity and freshness with a chalky firm finish.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2015

1998 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Medium-deep red to purple. Fresh red and black cherries with liquorice, nougat, roasted nut notes. Rich, voluminous, black cherry, praline, espresso flavours and fine chocolatey tannins with lovely mid-palate buoyancy. Finishes firm, long and tangy.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2018

1999 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Medium-deep red. Intense, liquorice all-sorts, sage, dark berry, malty aromas with a hint of rum 'n' raisin. Substantial wine with deep-set, dense liquorice, dark berry flavours, spicy notes and plentiful chocolatey tannins. Finishes firm, minerally and quite muscular.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2018



2000 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Medium-deep red. Fresh redcurrant, dark berry, spearmint, leafy aromas. Lightweight wine with confectionary, redcurrant, red cherry, minty flavours, and chalky, leafy tannins. Finishes bitter-sweet and peppery. Drink soon.

Drinking Window: Now

2001 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Medium-deep red to purple. Exotic, musky, violet, plum, rhubarb aromas with crushed ant nuances. Well-concentrated plum, blackcurrant, liquorice flavours, dense velvety tannins and underlying savoury oak notes. Finishes leafy firm and minerally. Best to drink soon although will hold.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2018

2002 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Medium-deep red to purple. Intense and expressive blueberry, sage, leafy aromas with a touch of spearmint. Buoyant but sinewy wine with blueberry, blackberry fruit, white pepper notes and touches of sage. Fine, graphite tannins build up sinewy firm at the finish, but the flavours are persistent. Drink now or keep for a while.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2020

2003 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson to purple. Intense blackberry, sage aromas with slight musky, leafy notes. Supple, sweet-fruited palate with black cherry, liquorice, sage flavours and some white pepper, leafy, roasted nut notes. Fine-grained, chalky tannins build up firm and leafy at the finish. Still holding up very well.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2020



2004 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson. Intense, beautifully defined dark cherry, praline, panforte aromas. Buoyant rich and voluminous with dark cherry, dark chocolate flavours, plentiful chewy/velvety tannins and underlying vanilla savoury, spicy notes. A firm solid finish with superb persistency of fruit.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2020

2005 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Medium-deep purple to crimson. Fragrant mint, camomile, aniseed, white pepper, red berry aromas. Medium-concentrated redcurrant, white pepper flavours and chalky, slightly sappy, tannins. Quite minerally and tannic at the finish. Drinking well now but cellaring outlook is probably medium term.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2020

2006 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson purple. Intense, almost elemental, blackberry, blueberry aromas with sage, leafy, musky notes. Concentrated, generous blueberry, blackberry pastille, liquorice/aniseed flavours with leafy notes. Tannins are quite muscular with a leafy, dry edge but the fruit is rich and buoyant. Finishes firm and a touch sappy but the volume, density and persistency of fruit give the wine superb power and balance. One of the greatest Bin 128s. Worth keeping for a while.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2030



2007 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson to purple. Intense red cherry, aniseed, chestnut aromas with some mint, sage notes. Medium-concentrated, juicy red cherry, aniseed, touch leafy flavours and chalky, dry tannins. Finishes muscular dry but still has sweetness of fruit.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2020

2008 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Deep crimson to purple. Intense, classic blueberry, blackberry pastille aromas with aniseed, dark chocolate, herb garden, pot pourri notes. Superbly buoyant wine with rich blueberry, blackberry flavours, some aniseed, white pepper notes, underlying savoury oak and loose-knit but firm, chalky tannins. Lovely persistency at the finish. Completely articulates the modern style. Delicious to drink now but will get better with more time.

Drinking Window: 2015••• 2025

2009 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson to purple. Fresh gingerbread, red cherry, musky aromas. Well-concentrated red cherry, musky, mint flavours, underlying savoury, spicy notes and fine-grained, quite muscular tannins. Medium intensity at the finish but good length of flavour. Has good balance and fruit complexity. Drink now or keep.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2025

2010 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Deep colour. Intense aniseed, floral, camomile, black pepper, blackberry, elderberry aromas. Well-concentrated elemental wine with elderberry, black cherry flavour, plentiful chocolatey tannins and mocha, vanilla, roasted chestnut, oak complexity. Finishes chalky, firm and long. Elemental, powerful and beautifully balanced with superb cellaring potential.

Drinking Window: 2015•••2035



2011 BIN 128 SHIRAZ

Medium crimson. Fresh red cherry, redcurrant, white pepper, roasted nut aromas with hints of vanilla. Fresh redcurrant, white pepper flavours, savoury, touch leafy tannins and underlying roasted almond/vanilla oak. Finishes sinewy firm with good flavour length. A relatively early-drinking style. Tasted at release in 2013.

Drinking Window: Now•••2018

