



BIN 9 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2014

“Approachability the key here. Very appealing in youth, cellaring will be a challenge!
Yet, no issue for those who do...”

PETER GAGO
PENFOLDS CHIEF WINEMAKER

OVERVIEW	Decades of investment in new vineyards across the best wine regions of South Australia afforded the Penfolds winemaking team the opportunity to craft a new wine, designated Bin 9. The first vintage was made at the Penfolds Nuriootpa winery in 2012. Adherent to Penfolds multi-regional philosophy, Bin 9 is sourced from vineyards across South Australia with a significant portion sourced from McLaren Vale. Grapes were carefully selected on merit to suit this contemporary expression of Cabernet Sauvignon. Bin 9 can be enjoyed in the full flush of youth or cellared for the medium-term. A hallmark of the Bin wines is their ability to gain something extra with the passage of time. Further bottle maturation of this Bin 9 Cabernet Sauvignon will yield layers of complexity that are for now hiding behind brooding youthful fruit.
GRAPE VARIETY	Cabernet Sauvignon
VINEYARD REGION	Wrattonbully, McLaren Vale, Coonawarra, Barossa Valley
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol: 14.5%, Acidity: 6.4 g/L, pH: 3.62
MATURATION	12 months in French Oak (10% new) and seasoned American Oak
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	Above-average winter and early spring rainfall offered the vines in South Australia healthy soil moisture profiles for the growing season. Late spring and early summer were dry and warm with significant heat records being set. Warm weather prevailed during summer and throughout veraison, allowing grapes to develop evenly and with good intensity. These warm conditions came to an abrupt halt in the Barossa Valley and McLaren Vale in mid-February with a significant rainfall allowing for long slow ripening of the fruit in very good ripening conditions. Wrattenbully had a warm and generally dry ripening end to the season allowing for the development of strong varietal flavours.
COLOUR	Medium-red
NOSE	Bright and fresh blue fruits, and a varietal giveaway of black olive. A waft of spice/herb... curry leaf/tomato leaf, dill and fennel seed. Red liquorice and camphor (compliments of the oak?) complete the package.
PALATE	Medium-bodied High-toned and racy, with non-Cabernet-like tannins! Yellow-bean paste, tomato paste and cassis flavours confirm the Cabernet DNA, nicely supported by cedary oak.
PEAK DRINKING	Now – 2022
LAST TASTED	February 2016