



# Bin 128 Coonawarra Shiraz

## 2007

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 the mid-1980s, a greater attention has been paid to fruit ripeness, resulting in a wine that is fuller in style and structure.



VINEYARD REGION	Coonawarra
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	Winter was cold and exceptionally dry and minimal spring rainfall, coupled with clear skies, resulted in the worst October frosts on record, although frost protection sprinklers saved the crop and canopy health. December conditions were mild and dry. January was the only wet month for the entire June to April period, with 100 mm of rain just before veraison providing a welcome boost to vine health, and berry size. February to April were all drier and warmer than normal which alleviated any fungal disease concerns and initiated an early vintage.
GRAPE VARIETY	Shiraz
MATURATION	This wine was matured for 12 months in 22% new French oak hogsheads, with the balance in one and two year old French oak hogsheads.
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol: 14.5% Acidity: 6.20g/L pH: 3.47
LAST TASTED	December 2008
PEAK DRINKING	To 2026
FOOD MATCHES	Ideal with hearty meat dishes.

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### Winemaker comments by Peter Gago - PENFOLDS Chief Winemaker

Deep garnet red.

Regional Coonawarra spices coalesce with flashes of wet earth and black cracked-pepper. The nutmeg, along with the lemon zest, is probably oak-derived. The nuttiness almost definitely. Red-curranted fruits synergise with complex, meaty (cold-cuts/carpaccio) secondary notes.

An initial rush of juiciness and lush core fruits - rhubarb/plum/raspberry, underpinned by mouthwatering acidity and a small measure of stylish French oak. A firm finish, stylishly sealed with fine, talc-like tannins. Youthful, beckoning - confirming our earlier-release mantra for this Coonawarra Shiraz style.

"In '07, Shiraz, Penfolds, Coonawarra & French oak sensorially align - tempting in youth, rewarding with age. Imminently drinkable!"