

CELLAR RESERVE  
BAROSSA VALLEY

VIOGNIER

2016



*“Vintage 2016 has spawned a highly aromatic, rich and luscious dessert style that is only rarely released in the Barossa”*

*“Be tempted - this wine unashamedly has been deliberately crafted to woo and waylay!”*

**PETER GAGO**  
**PENFOLDS CHIEF WINEMAKER**

**OVERVIEW** Penfolds Cellar Reserve wines are alternative, limited release wines that explore the innovative boundaries of viticulture, vinification and style.

Penfolds Cellar Reserve Viognier is made from grapes sourced from a long-term Penfolds grower vineyard in the Barossa Valley. A lush dessert-style Cellar Reserve offering, this wine is a refreshing take on the more traditional Viognier style and offers a light dry mouth-feel on the finish.

**VINEYARD REGION** Barossa Valley

**GRAPE VARIETY** Viognier

**VINTAGE CONIDITIONS** The start of the growing season was approximately one week late with budburst and shoot growth relatively even across the region. Flowering started in October and lasted approximately one week. Spring and summer were very dry with rainfall well below average. The mild summer with a lack of heat extremes ensured the fruit was able to ripen evenly and develop desirable flavours.

**WINE ANALYSES** Alc/Vol: 10%, Acidity: 7.9 g/l, pH: 3.03

**LAST TASTED** December 2016

**MATURATION** A compliant 6 month sojourn in stainless steel

**COLOUR** Medium gold straw

**NOSE** An instant propulsion of aromatics arise from the glass - fresh florals (jasmine ) and white stone fruits (nectarine and peach). More complexing aromas appear with a swirl of the glass and a little air - stewed apricot, white fig and orange marmalade, with the faintest waft of ginger.

**PALATE** An explosion of flavours, viscosity and lusciousness. The richness of a dried apricot/marmalade/preserved lemon compote is offset by non-cloying fresh tropical fruits and orange/lemon citrus. A tangy, lemon sherbet-like acidity explodes in the mouth inducing a wonderful synergy of sweetness and acidity. A compelling balance. Effortless drinkability.

**PEAK DRINKING** Now - 2029

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