

Grange 1971

This wine is a blend of 87 per cent Shiraz and 13 per cent Cabernet Sauvignon and created a sensation when it won gold and topped its class at the Gault-Millau Wine Olympiad in Paris in 1979, beating the best Rhone Valley wines. It also won a trophy, four gold, four silver and five bronze medals at Australian wine shows between 1971 and 1982.

'If you had to point to a wine which fulfilled all the ambitions of Grange, it would have to be 1971,' said Max Schubert in 1993. 'It was a great wine from a vintage that was great throughout South Australia'.



VINEYARD REGION	Barossa Valley (including Kalimna Vineyard), Magill Estate (Adelaide), Clare Valley, Coonawarra.	
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	An excellent year in South Australia with ideal, generally warm conditions throughout both growing season and vintage. The result was an abundance of grapes of very high quality.	
GRAPE VARIETY	Shiraz (87%), Cabernet Sauvignon (13%)	
MATURATION	Eighteen months in new American oak hogsheads.	
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol: Acidity: pH:	12.30% 6.30g/L 3.72
LAST TASTED	1999-09-01	
PEAK DRINKING	Now - 2016	
FOOD MATCHES	Mature cheddar cheese	

Winemaker comments by

Max Schubert

Medium brick red.

COLOUR

PALATE

An astonishing wine with intensely sweet, lifted, complex and perfumed prune/apricot/truffle aromas with hints of violet and fig.

Silken, opulent with fleshy apricot/prune fruit and truffly, earthy, demi-glace undertones balanced by fine, sweet tannins and an extremely long finish. A superb wine.