



Bin 128 Coonawarra Shiraz

2005

Launched 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, greater attention has been paid to fruit ripeness, resulting in a wine that is fuller in style and structure.



VINEYARD REGION	Coonawarra
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	Coonawarra experienced a cool, dry summer with grapes ripening early. Overall, perfect vintage weather with no rain offered a great opportunity to make wines of classic varietal character and longevity.
GRAPE VARIETY	Shiraz
MATURATION	This wine was matured for 11 months in a combination of new (20%), one, two and three year old French oak hogsheads.
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol: 14.0% Acidity: 6.2g/L pH: 3.57
LAST TASTED	31.12.2006
PEAK DRINKING	2008 to 2015
FOOD MATCHES	Beef, duck, game and lamb.

Winemaker comments by

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COLOUR

A glistening red-purple.

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The nose is youthful and exuberant with wafts of black pepper, black olive and liquorice. There are background savoury charcuterie notes, and a modicum of cedary oak is just detectable.

PALATE

Youthful and lively, the wine shows dark fruits and menthol flavours with an excellent, rich mid palate. Tingling (natural) acidity coupled with stylish oak and prominent tannins offers grip, tightness and definition. While this wine needs time, it is certainly appealing and of interest in youth. Monitor the evolution.