

Bin 2 was first released in 1960, yet was discontinued in Australia in the 1970s at the height of the white wine boom. The original Bin 2 was an 'Australian Burgundy' style (despite its Rhône varieties) – typically a soft, medium-bodied wine based on Shiraz. The Bin 2 blend of Shiraz and Mourvèdre is still relatively uncommon in Australian table wines.

Also known as Mataro or Monastrell, Mourvèdre was introduced to Australia in the 1830s. Sometimes used in fortified wine production, this grape is widely planted in the Barossa Valley. It is greatly valued by winemakers for its blending attributes, adding complexity and palate grip. Interest in Bin 2 has grown as the popularity of traditional Rhône varieties and blends continues to flourish.

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BIN 2 SHIRAZ MOURVÈDRE 1966 - 2010

1966 BIN 2 SHIRAZ MOURVÈDRE

Crimson brick red. Fragrant, redcurrants, chestnut, earthy aromas with a touch of espresso/leaf. Beginning to dry out with leather, shoe polish, dark chocolate flavours, some amontillado/maderised notes and fine chalky, plentiful tannins. Finishes dry with medium length. A fading old wine yet still pleasant to drink.

Drinking Window: Now ••• Past



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2007 BIN 2 SHIRAZ MOURVÈDRE

Medium-deep crimson. Fragrant redcurrant, blueberry, plum aromas with a touch of herb garden. Supple redcurrant, blackberry, dark plum, aniseed flavours and plentiful fine chalky tannins. Finishes firm and long with noticeable fresh acidity. Nice fruit complexity and balance.

Drinking Window: Now•••2015

2008 BIN 2 SHIRAZ MOURVÈDRE

Deep purple to crimson. Fresh, dark berry/dark chocolate aromas with lifted panforte, roasted walnut notes. Buoyant and fresh with sweet prune, dark berry, praline flavours and plentiful, chalky tannins. Finishes al dente firm and juicy. A well-balanced wine with lovely fruit density and complexity. But drink soon.

Drinking Window: Now•••2018

2009 BIN 2 SHIRAZ MOURVÈDRE

Deep purple to crimson. Intense blueberry, rhubarb, liquorice aromas with a touch of dark chocolate. Smooth glossy musky, blueberry, rhubarb, dark cherry, spicy flavours, chocolatey, slightly assertive tannins and underlying savoury nuances. Finishes chalky firm but long and sweet.

Drinking Window: Now•••2020

2010 BIN 2 SHIRAZ MOURVÈDRE

Deep purple to crimson. Intense elemental blackberry, brambly, aniseed, herb garden aromas. Dense exuberant juicy blackberry, liquorice/brambly flavours with some panforte, dark chocolate notes and plentiful chalky dry tannins. Finishes al dente, long and sweet. Exuberant and expressive.

Drinking Window: Now•••2025



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