

Launched with the 1990 vintage in 1993, Bin 407 was developed in response to the increasing availability of high quality Cabernet Sauvignon fruit. Inspired by Bin 707, Bin 407 offers varietal definition and approachability, yet with structure and depth of flavour.

Textbook Cabernet Sauvignon, the varietally expressive Bin 407 highlights the rewards of Penfolds multi-region, multi-vineyard blending, with a core of ripe fruit supported by sensitive use of French and American oak.

## **REWARDS OF PATIENCE SEVENTH EDITION – TASTING NOTES**

BIN 407 CABERNET SAUVIGNON 1990 - 2010

# 1990 BIN 407 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Medium-deep crimson. Intense cassis, walnut, leafy aromas with a hint of mint. Wellconcentrated wine with mature cassis, walnut, tarry flavours and some leafy, minty notes. Complex and fine-grained with earthy, savoury nuances. Finishes velvety and long. Very much at the peak of its secondary development. It could well last a few more years.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2018

1991 BIN 407 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Medium-deep crimson. Lovely fragrant violet, praline, blackcurrant aromas with a touch of cedar. Earthy, roasted walnut, cassis flavours with fine, chocolatey dry tannins, underlying cedar notes and mineral acidity. Finishes firm, chalky and long. Ready to drink.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2016



Medium-deep crimson. Fresh black fruits, graphite, cedar, orange peel aromas. Fully mature black fruits, graphite, mushroom, truffle flavours, some leafy notes and sinewy dry tannins. Finishes grippy with mineral notes. Doubtful this will get any better. Drink soon.

Drinking Window: Now

# 1993 BIN 407 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Medium-deep crimson. Intense blackcurrant, praline, panforte, roasted nut aromas with touches of sage and mint. Classical Cabernet characters but quite soupy, with cassis, leafy, violet flavours and sappy/grippy tannins. It still has concentration and vinosity. Will continue to hold but it's unlikely to improve.

Drinking Window: Now

# 1994 BIN 407 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Medium-deep crimson. Beautifully defined praline, leafy, cassis, herb garden, violet aromas. Generous sweet cassis, blackcurrant, cedar flavours, lovely earthy, praline complexity and classic fine-grained tannins. Finishes firm, savoury and minerally long. Should further develop, although drinking well now.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2018

## **1995** BIN 407 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Medium-deep crimson. Fresh black olive, cassis, graphite, roasted coffee aromas with some sappy notes. Concentrated cassis, black olive, roasted coffee flavours, herb, brambly notes and muscular dry tannins. Finishes very firm and tight. Quite lean and savoury with strong acidity. This is not going to improve.

### Drinking Window: Now



Medium-deep crimson. Intense complex spearmint, herb garden, cassis, redcurrant, ginger, mocha aromas. Abundant ginger, spearmint, cassis, redcurrant flavours, underlying savoury notes and plentiful grainy, al dente tannins. Finishes leafy firm. An elegantly structured wine with lovely density and vinosity. A classic Bin 407.

#### Drinking Window: Now••• 2016

### 1997 BIN 407 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Medium-deep crimson. Fresh cranberry, blackcurrant aromas with some earthy/tobacco notes. The palate is medium-bodied with developed red fruit, cassis, tobacco, sage flavours, underlying cedar notes and leafy dry but fine-grained tannins. Finishes grippy firm, long and savoury.

#### Drinking Window: Now••• 2016

### **1998** BIN 407 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Medium-deep crimson. Complex plum, roasted coffee/espresso/mocha aromas with underlying cedar, mint notes. Sweet buoyant plum, dark chocolate, roasted coffee/espresso flavours with sweet fruit/cassis notes and fine-grained tannins. Finishes firm, but the flavours are persistent. A classic Bin 407.

#### Drinking Window: Now••• 2020

## 1999 BIN 407 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Medium-deep red. Fragrant cassis, dark chocolate aromas with black olive notes. Lovely crème de cassis, brambly flavours, a core of sweet fruit and some bitumen, roasted walnut notes. The tannins are sinewy firm and gradually take over the palate. It finishes bitter-sweet with some herb garden notes. A substantial wine, but will the tannins ever soften out?

#### Drinking Window: Now ••• 1999



Medium-deep crimson. Fragrant redcurrant, chocolate, sage, dried herb aromas. Wellconcentrated redcurrant, herb, praline flavours and slinky loose-knit dry tannins. A touch underpowered and constrained but still minerally and fresh. Ready to drink.

#### Drinking Window: Now ••• 2014

## 2001 BIN 407 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Medium-deep crimson to purple. Walnut, chestnut, black olive, meaty aromas with a touch of violet. Generously concentrated and voluminous with plenty of sweet fruit richness, blackcurrant, walnut, espresso flavours and granular/chunky dry tannins. It finishes muscular firm, long and sweet. The fruit is still ascendant, but drink soon.

#### Drinking Window: Now••• 2016

## 2002 BIN 407 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Medium-deep crimson. Intense blackcurrant, praline, herb garden, leafy aromas with cedar, spice, violet and Turkish Delight notes. Classically proportioned and superbly balanced with cassis, garrigue, dried herb flavours, some espresso notes and fine-grained tannins. Finishes firm with a lovely bitter-sweet aftertaste. Gorgeous vinosity and length. A brilliant vintage with lovely fruit complexity, power and balance. Drinking perfectly now, but should hold for a long time.

#### Drinking Window: Now••• 2025

### 2003 BIN 407 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Deep red crimson purple. Cassis, praline, sage aromas with sweet fruit, violet notes. Well concentrated but a touch soupy, with rich cassis, plum, sage flavours, cedar/chewy tannins and underlying savoury oak. Finishes sappy firm, long and sweet-fruited. Robust and powerful but unlikely to improve. It should hold, but best to drink now.

#### Drinking Window: Now••• 2016



Deep crimson purple. Intense cassis, sage, herb garden, garrigue aromas with cedar, spice notes. Classic blackcurrant, black cherry, cedar, black olive flavours and fine-grained, al dente tannins. Finishes firm with lingering vanilla oak notes. Generously proportioned wine with the concentration, power and balance for further ageing.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2025

# **2005** BIN 407 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Deep crimson purple. Intense blackcurrant, praline aromas with dried herb, chinotto/cola notes. Plush and concentrated with abundant cassis, chinotto, dried fruit flavours, plenty of mid-palate richness, underlying vanilla notes and dense chalky/velvety tannins. Finishes chocolatey firm. Lovely volume, balance and persistency. Still relatively youthful with many years ahead of it.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2020

## 2006 BIN 407 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Medium-deep crimson. Blackberry, praline, herb, spice, cedar aromas with a hint of sage. Buoyant, concentrated wine with rich, voluminous blackberry, herb, brambly, dark chocolate flavours and supple, dry leafy tannins. Finishes gritty/sappy with savoury/malt nuances. Superbly balanced with a long future.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2030



Medium-deep crimson. Blackcurrant, mocha, herb garden aromas with roses, ironstone notes. Classic wine with black olive, cassis/blackcurrant fruit flavours and fine, muscular, leafy tannins. Finishes chalky firm and tight. An early-drinking style but should hold for a while.

### Drinking Window: Now••• 2020

### 2008 BIN 407 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Deep crimson. Beautiful, musky, cassis aromas with a touch of sage, vanilla and roasted chestnut notes. Rich and buoyant, fruit-driven wine with seductive cassis, plum flavours, superb vanilla, malt, roasted chestnut notes and velvety graphite tannins. Finishes grainy firm with aniseed notes. A very generous style with great balance, volume and weight. Easy to drink now but the best is yet to come.

Drinking Window: 2016 ••• 2030

## 2009 BIN 407 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Medium-deep crimson to purple. Intense cassis, plum, floral, violet, vanilla aromas with aniseed/liquorice notes. Buoyant and sinuous with cassis, sweet fruit, prune, blackcurrant, aniseed, violet, cedar, plum flavours, underlying savoury oak and grainy, chewy tannins. Finishes chalky firm and inky. Has the substance and balance to last the distance.

Drinking Window: 2018••• 2040



Deep crimson. Intense dark berry, cassis, dark chocolate, violet, dried roses aromas. Beautifully concentrated, seductive, opulent wine with superb crème de cassis, plum, blueberry flavours, plenty of vanilla oak and chocolatey sweet tannins. Finishes leafy firm and persistent. Lovely fruit definition, vinosity and balance. Elemental yet showing brilliant potential.

Drinking Window: 2020 · · · 2040

