



Magill Estate Shiraz

2005

Magill Estate Shiraz is a very important Penfolds single vineyard wine. It is of great symbolic importance because it is completely created in the remaining original vineyard (5.2 ha) and the original Penfolds winery at Magill, established in 1844 in Adelaide's eastern suburbs.

First produced in 1983, Penfolds Magill Estate Shiraz is an elegant, medium-weight style with velvety texture and fine tannins, matured in both French and American oak. It is a sleek, contemporary wine, yet crafted in the old fashioned way in the 120+ year-old winery: hand-picked, vinified in open fermenters and then basket pressed.

Careful vineyard management (sacrificial canes, fruit thinning, relegation), batching and subsequent separation of ferments pay welcome dividends.



VINEYARD REGION	Blocks 1, 2 and 3 of the Magill Estate Vineyard.
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	A slightly cooler year than 2004 yet conditions still allowed the Shiraz to fully ripen and deliver impressive depth and concentration. Overall a very good year. Fruit was hand harvested in small batches and kept separate throughout fermentation and after pressing into barrel.
GRAPE VARIETY	100% Shiraz
MATURATION	This wine was matured for 14 months in 76% new and 4% one-year-old French oak hogsheads, and 20% new American oak hogsheads.
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol: 14.4% Acidity: 7.0g/L pH: 3.63
LAST TASTED	6.11.2007
PEAK DRINKING	2008 to 2022
FOOD MATCHES	Ideal with beef, duck and game.

Winemaker comments by Peter Gago - Penfolds Chief Winemaker

COLOUR

A deep, dark-red sheen/gloss.

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The nose is distinctive and defined with the barrel-ferment elements of cola, sarsaparilla and char alongside black olive, soy, sage and leather notes. Oak plays a more prominent role, supporting a smoked meat overlay, embedded with orange, lemon and juniper.

An unmistakable Penfolds formic/tar Bouquet Garnis.

PALATE

The palate is focused with the flavours and textures true to style. Tannins are firm and obvious - tight and chalky, not expansive and coarse. Oak is integrated - the cedar, vanillins and citrus notes are possibly illustrative of both French and American oak origins.

This release is reminiscent of the 1994 vintage, albeit the vines of this Penfolds monopole are now more than 10 years older.