

The single vineyard Magill Estate Shiraz is intrinsically linked to Penfolds beginnings. Sourced from the original Magill vineyard on the edge of Adelaide's eastern suburbs (just eight kilometres from the city's CBD), fruit is crushed, fermented and matured on-site at the original Penfolds Magill winery, established in 1844.

First produced in 1983, 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 160 year-old winery: hand-picked, vinified in open fermenters and then basket pressed.

# REWARDS OF PATIENCE SEVENTH EDITION – TASTING NOTES MAGILL ESTATE SHIRAZ 1983 – 2010

#### **1983** MAGILL ESTATE SHIRAZ

Pale-medium crimson to brick red. Fragrant redcurrant, roasted chestnut, cedar aromas with some herb notes. Well-sustained, fully mature roasted chestnut, redcurrant, tobacco flavours with loose-knit grainy tannins, underlying savoury notes and minerally acidity. Dries off at the finish. Beginning to fragment. Drink up.

Drinking Window: Now ••• Past

### 1984 MAGILL ESTATE SHIRAZ

Most bottles are past.

Drinking Window: Past



Most bottles are dried out and too austere in structure to really enjoy.

Drinking Window: Past

# **1986** MAGILL ESTATE SHIRAZ

Medium crimson to brick red. Fresh black olive, wet bitumen, cedar aromas with a touch of liquorice. Savoury dry palate with blackcurrant, leafy, sous bois, silage flavours, fine loose-knit muscular tannins. Earthy notes at the finish. Well past its prime, but still holding.

Drinking Window: Now ••• Past

# **1987** MAGILL ESTATE SHIRAZ

Most bottles are past.

Drinking Window: Now

# **1988** MAGILL ESTATE SHIRAZ

Most bottles are past

Drinking Window: Past



Most bottles are past.

Drinking Window: Past

#### **1990** MAGILL ESTATE SHIRAZ

Medium crimson. Developed blackberry, dark chocolate aromas with some savoury, panforte, cedar notes. Complex and dense with dark chocolate, black fruits, cedar flavours, wood varnish notes and plentiful chocolatey dry tannins. Finishes earthy firm. Surprisingly fresh with lovely fruit complexity and vinosity.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2018

#### **1991** MAGILL ESTATE SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson. Fragrant blackberry, panforte, roasted coffee, spicy, tobacco aromas. Beautifully complex wine with plenty of rich roasted coffee/espresso flavours, forest floor, leather/polish notes and plentiful leafy dry tannins. All the elements are in perfect harmony. Understated and classic.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2015

#### **1992** MAGILL ESTATE SHIRAZ

Medium crimson. Fresh developed chocolate, roasted coffee, black fruits, tobacco aromas with white pepper, sage notes. Quite Rhônish in style with pure black fruits, white pepper, panforte, leafy, mint flavours, underlying vanilla oak and muscular tannins. A crunchy firm finish. Unlikely to further improve but should hold.

Drinking Window: Now



Medium crimson. Fresh complex earthy, silage, tobacco leaf, black fruits, aniseed aromas. Surprisingly buoyant with sweet fruit, earthy, silage, tobacco leaf flavours and chalky loose-knit tannins. Finishes savoury dry and sinewy with some bitter notes. Just past its peak. Best to drink soon.

Drinking Window: Now

# **1994** MAGILL ESTATE SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson. Fragrant redcurrant, tobacco, roasted coffee, prune aromas. Roasted, redcurrant, tobacco flavours, underlying savoury, malty oak and fine-grained, al dente tannins. Finishes firm, a touch brambly, and long. Good concentration, vinosity and fruit sweetness. A classic vintage. Vintage started the day after Max Schubert died.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2020

#### **1995** MAGILL ESTATE SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson. Fragrant wood varnish/polish, black fruits, liquorice aromas with dark chocolate notes. Smooth, quite developed palate with black fruits, aniseed, panforte flavours and chocolatey sweet tannins. Plenty of malty oak fills out the middle palate and lengthens the finish. Drink now but should still hold.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2018



Medium-deep crimson. Very complex and aromatic with dark berry, herb garden, tobacco leaf, vanilla, malt aromas, generous sweet fruit flavours, plentiful lacy, chalky tannins and underlying savoury notes. Finishes leafy and long. A top vintage approaching full maturity. Should hold but probably not for more than five or six years.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2020

#### **1997** MAGILL ESTATE SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson. Fully mature chocolate, blackberry aromas with leafy, Vegemite, cedar notes. Wellconcentrated but developed cassis, dark chocolate, sweet fruit flavours, complex tarry notes and sappy, leafy tannins. Finishes firm and lean. Beginning to fade.

Drinking Window: Now

#### **1998** MAGILL ESTATE SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson. Intense liquorice, dark fruits, black olive aromas with mint/spearmint and cedar notes. Concentrated dark fruits/mulberry/blackberry, black olive flavours, complex meaty nuances and sinewy, graphite textures. Well balanced with attractive fruit complexity and richness. Elegantly proportioned rather than powerful now. Approaching optimum drinking. Achieved great critical reviews at release.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2020



Medium-deep crimson. Fresh, dried roses, pot pourri, aniseed/liquorice aromas with dark chocolate notes. Expressive cassis, espresso, herb garden flavours, underlying savoury, vanilla nuances and chalky, plentiful tannins. Fruit sweetness and mineral notes pervade across the palate and well past the finish.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2018

#### **2000** MAGILL ESTATE SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson. Quite advanced confectionary, dried roses, apricot aromas with some hazelnut notes. Contrived red cherry, redcurrant, raspberry fruit, evolved apricot notes, vanilla oak flavours and chalky looseknit tannins. Finishes a touch lacy but with plenty of fruit sweetness. Simple, lighter style but easy to drink now.

Drinking Window: Now

#### **2001** MAGILL ESTATE SHIRAZ

Medium-deep red to crimson. Intense black fruit, sandalwood aromas with vanilla, cedar notes. Tightly structured wine with powerful black fruits, roasted walnut, liquorice flavours and pronounced grainy, chalky tannins. Finishes muscular firm with lingering tangy, sweet fruit notes.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2020

#### **2002** MAGILL ESTATE SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson. Scented violet, red cherry, earthy aromas with dried roses, garrigue notes. Well-concentrated, tight chalky wine with dried herb, cassis, leafy, spicy flavours, cedar oak complexity and al dente, peppery tannins. Finishes firm and long. A cool, expressive wine.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2025



Deep crimson. Intense blackberry, cedar aromas with some prune notes. Rich soupy wine with blackberry, prune, dark chocolate flavours and gritty, leafy tannins. Builds up sinewy and dry at the finish. Quite rustic but still has its appeal. Best to drink soon.

Drinking Window: Now••• 2015

#### **2004** MAGILL ESTATE SHIRAZ

Medium crimson to purple. Fragrant redcurrant, plum, herb, malty chocolate aromas. Classic, beautifully proportioned wine with redcurrant, plum, cassis flavours, underlying ginger, savoury, biscuity oak and chalky loose-knit tannins. Finishes firm, long and savoury. Lovely vinosity and freshness. Magill Estate at its best. Drink now or keep.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2025

#### **2005** MAGILL ESTATE SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson. Ginger, plum, cedar aromas with savoury/spice notes. Dense, generous plum, cedar flavours, fine-grained, cedary textures and ginger/malt oak. Finishes firm, grippy tight, and a touch sappy. Drinking well now, but should hold for a decade at least.

Drinking Window: Now 2025



Medium crimson. Fragrant, red cherry, plum, black fruit aromas with cedar/vanilla notes. The palate is still elemental with deep-set dark cherry, blackberry, cassis flavours, plenty of roasted chestnut/cedar notes, fine chalky fruit tannins and underlying savoury nuances. Finishes firm and long with a lovely roasted chestnut, graphite plume. Very seductive and classic in structure. The epitome of the Magill Estate style.

Drinking Window: 2015 ••• 2026

# 2007 MAGILL ESTATE SHIRAZ

Medium-deep crimson. Fragrant ginger, black fruits, soft red berry, miso aromas. Densely concentrated with attractive sweet blackberry, mulberry fruit, brambly textures, pronounced cedar oak and leafy tannins. Finishes sappy, dry and long. Drinking well now. Unlikely to improve.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2018

#### **2008** MAGILL ESTATE SHIRAZ

Deep colour. Intense aniseed/liquorice, blackberry, blueberry aromas with some herb notes. Very lifted, concentrated, densely packed wine with blackberry, panforte, brambly flavours, beautiful crème de cassis mid-palate juiciness, plentiful chalky, ripe tannins and lovely savoury, roasted chestnut, oak notes. Finishes firm, fruit-sweet and long. Exuberant and elemental yet balanced and delicious. The best is yet to come. A great Magill Estate. The fruit was picked in early February, a good month before the heatwave.

Drinking Window: 2016 ••• 2030



Medium crimson to purple. Intense redcurrant, plum aromas with camomile, ginger, peppermint, savoury notes. Fresh, seductive and fleshy with plum, redcurrant, aniseed flavours, underlying ginger, oak nuances and plentiful, chocolatey textures. Finishes firm and long. Plenty of fruit sweetness and vinosity. The second in a trio of great vintages.

Drinking Window: 2016 ••• 2030

#### **2010** MAGILL ESTATE SHIRAZ

Deep crimson to purple. Impressive pure blackberry pastille, musky plum, crème de cassis aromas with herb garden notes. Very juicy, elemental and sumptuous with beautiful, concentrated, blackberry pastille, plum flavours, lovely plentiful, graphite tannins and savoury vanilla oak. Finishes chalky firm and long with some brambly notes. Amazing density and energy for such a medium-weighted wine. A great Magill Estate Shiraz.

Drinking Window: 2018 ••• 2035

