



BIN 2 SHIRAZ MATARO

2013

*“Aromatics and character – reminiscent of 1960’s and 1970’s
Bin 2 wines at this age.”*

“Bin 2: Forever true to style – across vintages, across the decades.”

PETER GAGO
PENFOLDS CHIEF WINEMAKER

OVERVIEW 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 Mataro is still relatively uncommon in Australian table wines. Also known as Monastrell or Mourvèdre, Mataro 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.

GRAPE VARIETY 86% Shiraz, 14% Mataro

VINEYARD REGION Padthaway, McLaren Vale, Wrattenbully, Barossa Valley, Langhorne Creek, Robe

WINE ANALYSIS Alc/Vol: 14.5%, Acidity: 6.2 g/L, pH: 3.57

MATURATION 12 months in seasoned French and American oak

VINTAGE CONDITIONS After a dry South Australian winter reminiscent of 2006, vines were in water deficit at the beginning of spring. Early budburst was noticeable across many regions and windy conditions in some regions during flowering were, in part, responsible for variable fruit set and lower than average yields come vintage. Warm days were dispersed throughout October, November and in early January, contributing to an early start to the 2013 harvest. The dry and warm conditions, coupled with lower than average yields saw fruit perform very well with structural tannins, great intensity and encouraging flavour. Generally, most Mataro parcels were harvested a couple of weeks earlier than average also.

COLOUR Crimson rim, dark red core

NOSE Immediately Bin 2, replete with rustic meaty, savoury markers. Scents of smoke/char and plum-sauced short-ribs (!) confirmingly arise. Spices abound: paprika, star-anise, curry-leaf...and more!

PALATE Mouth-filling and youthful. All-fruit, no oak to speak of...albeit a concession of a little dark chocolate (wafer) artefact. Soft, svelte, rounded tannins – plush and ripe. At this stage an inter-locked Shiraz and Mataro structural and flavour continuum – difficult to separate. Akin varieties!

PEAK DRINKING Now – 2022

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