



Magill Estate Shiraz

1992

This wine is from the historic Magill Estate Vineyard, located in the Adelaide foothills of South Australia. Magill Estate was the first vineyard established by Dr. Christopher Rawson Penfold in 1844. The vineyard is now 6 hectares in size and consists entirely of Shiraz vines, aged between 25 and 45 years.

This rare single vineyard wine reflects the exceptional quality of the grapes from the Magill Estate as well as the handcrafted manner in which it was produced. The 1992 Magill Estate Shiraz is beginning to show some attractive maturation characters and will probably develop a little sooner in comparison to its 1990 and 1991 counterparts. It is recommended that the wine be decanted prior to serving.



VINEYARD REGION	Penfolds Magill Estate Vineyard, South Australia.
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	Harvest began on 19 February and concluded on 24 February. As a result of the weather conditions during the cool 1992 vintage, the yield of premium quality grapes was significantly reduced. However, due to careful grape selection an excellent wine was produced from this vintage.
GRAPE VARIETY	Shiraz (Syrah)
MATURATION	Matured in new American and French oak hogsheads for 14 months.
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol: 13% Acidity: 7.40g/L pH: 3.38
LAST TASTED	27-Jul-2000
PEAK DRINKING	Now
FOOD MATCHES	Beef, Lamb

Winemaker comments by John Duval

COLOUR

A good depth of brick-red colour.

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The complex bouquet shows chocolaty; dark berry Shiraz fruit with well-integrated cedary oak, cigar box and barrel ferment characters as well as some tobacco and white pepper nuances.

PALATE

The beautifully balanced palate is rich and generous showing typical mulberry, dark cherry and slightly spicy varietal fruit flavours and superbly integrated, toasty oak, together with some cigar box and cedary oak characters. Elegant and medium bodied, the wine finishes with lingering flavour and rounded tannins giving great length.