

CELLAR RESERVE
BAROSSA VALLEY
VIOGNIER
2019



*“A recommendation ... consider the cellar and serve the occasional half-bottle with extended bottle age - not unlike a venerated older Australian Porphyry dessert style!
Although, temptingly too easy to drink in youth!”*

Peter Gago
Penfolds Chief Winemaker

OVERVIEW Penfolds Cellar Reserve wines are alternative, limited release wines that explore the innovative boundaries of viticulture, vinification and style. Penfolds Cellar Reserve Viognier is made from grapes sourced from a long-term Penfolds grower vineyard in the Barossa Valley. A lush, dessert-style Cellar Reserve offering, this wine is a refreshing take on the more traditional Viognier style and offers a light dry mouthfeel on the finish.

GRAPE VARIETY Viognier

VINEYARD REGION Barossa Valley

WINE ANALYSIS Alc/Vol: 9% Acidity: 7.2g/L pH: 2.92

MATURATION 3 months in stainless steel

VINTAGE CONIDITIONS Above-average winter and spring rainfall offered vines in Barossa Valley healthy soil moisture profiles for the growing season. Cool days and cooler nights slowed vine growth in early spring with temperatures warming in October. A mild and mostly dry start to summer was interrupted by a significant rain event in February. Warm conditions followed allowing vine canopies to dry out. Rainfall slowed in early autumn with warm weather soon following and persisting throughout summer. From March, mild days slowed ripening with cool nights and warm days persisting until harvest.

COLOUR Pale straw with lime green hues

NOSE An amalgam of flavours!
Primarily Nashi pear, cumquat and custard apple with hints of lime juice. Supplementary notes of Apple Danish, praline and crystallised ginger with just a tickle of Jasmine making this wine aromatically pleasing.

PALATE A viscous, luscious and very generous palate. Apricot nectar is central with lemon meringue and citrus playing a strong role, accompanied by a clean, fresh and juicy finish. Wonderful sugar/acid balance giving great length of flavour. Benchmark Cellar Reserve Viognier from a strong vintage.

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LAST TASTED January 2020

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