

CELLAR RESERVE
McLAREN VALE
TEMPRANILLO
2016

*“Definitive, singular ... single-vineyard Tempranillo.
Style? Not Spanish nor Portuguese - South Australian ! “*

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OVERVIEW Penfolds Cellar Reserve wines are alternative, limited release wines that explore the innovative boundaries of viticulture, vinification and style. Penfolds Cellar Reserve Tempranillo is sourced exclusively from McLaren Vale and is a unique Australian expression of this grape variety. Displaying typical fruit characteristics of berries, liquorice, spice and nectar, extended maturation in seasoned French oak has added great complexity to the palate.

VINEYARD REGION McLaren Vale

GRAPE VARIETY 100% Tempranillo

VINTAGE CONDITIONS McLaren Vale recorded below average temperatures during winter and early spring. May enjoyed the highest rainfall of any month but it was still below the long-term average. Record low rainfall prevailed through the growing season. Warmer weather in late spring and early summer ensured the vines were moving along at pace after a slow start. Some relief was provided by the onset of cooler weather in January and February. The relatively mild conditions during harvest ensured the fruit was able to ripen evenly developing lovely varietal flavours and firm tannins.

WINE ANALYSIS Alc/Vol: 14.5%, Acidity: 6.4 g/L, pH: 3.88

LAST TASTED June 2019

MATURATION 13 months in seasoned French oak barriques

COLOUR Ferric brick red

NOSE Inviting. With air - nori, kelp notes arise ... wet and fresh. All interspersed with flashes of sesame seed, black liquorice, aniseed, nougat & nutty (pistachio) praline. Beneath, and almost concealed - agave syrup (not tequila!) & coal tar. A subtle oak huskiness evident?

PALATE Medium to full-bodied. Familial and singular flavours from the local candy store - Dutch liquorice; and the nearby Chinese Restaurant - candied fennel. Well-concealed tannins - overladen by apricot (Bellini, and/or white nectarine?) nectar - pulpy and fresh. Tempered acidity and oak; balanced.

PEAK DRINKING Now - 2029

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