

BIN 28

SHIRAZ 2019



Bin 28 offers a showcase of warm climate Australian shiraz – ripe, robust and generously flavoured. First made in 1959, Bin 28 was original named after the famous Barossa Valley Kalimna vineyard purchased by Penfolds in 1945 and from which the wine was originally sourced. Today, Bin 28 is a multi-region, multi-vineyard blend, with the Barossa Valley always well represented.

GRAPE VARIETY

Shiraz

VINEYARD REGION

McLaren Vale, Barossa Valley, Padthaway, Wrattonbully

WINE ANALYSIS

Alc/Vol: 14.5%, Acidity: 6.6 g/L, pH: 3.62

MATURATION

12 months in seasoned American oak hogsheads

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

McLaren Vale and Barossa Valley recorded well below long-term average winter rainfall, while the vineyards in the South-East growing districts enjoyed above-average winter rainfall. September temperatures were cool with little rainfall resulting in some isolated frost events. Summer was generally hot, with high temperatures delaying veraison. Barossa Valley experienced 31 days of temperatures exceeding 35°C while McLaren Vale experienced 25 days (December to March). Irrigation was crucial to keep vines in good health. The proximity of the Southern Ocean played an important role in moderating temperatures in Wrattonbully and Padthaway, allowing for a high-quality harvest, albeit with smaller yields than average. Although yields were down in all regions, the quality was outstanding with shiraz showing excellent colours, firm tannin profiles and intense flavours.

COLOUR

Deep, dense cherry-black

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Dark and brooding.

Primary blackberry fruits and black olive tapenade notes segue to black jelly bean; soot.

A formic/V.A. lift merges with odours reminiscent of the burnt crystallised crust of a freshly (over) baked fruitcake.

Caramelised black fig, quince and quandong paste, and juniper add to the evocative mix.

Certainly ripe, but not overripe. At once Bin 28 Shiraz.

PALATE

Sheen/shine/gloss/flesh – which to choose to best describe the immediate impression of that first sip? Or maybe all four?!

And yet there's an enlivening acidity that drives the palate ... a palate-shape of three dimensions – or as overheard "Well put together".

Embracing, interwoven, malleable tannins support a chewy appetising mouthfeel.

But what does it actually taste like? Bitter chocolate to the fore, pipe tobacco and a mass of dark-berried fruits throughout.

Oak? Look harder ...it's there!

PEAK DRINKING

Now – 2040

LAST TASTED

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