

# MAX'S CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2020

## OVERVIEW

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Penfolds Max's Cabernet Sauvignon is a tribute to former Chief Winemaker Max Schubert (1948-1975). A legend in Penfolds history, Max's constant pursuit of excellence paved the way for those who followed in his footsteps and allowed the status and heritage of Penfolds to grow. Max's Cabernet Sauvignon displays the classic Penfolds 'house stamp' inspired by Max Schubert.

## GRAPE VARIETY

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Cabernet Sauvignon

## VINEYARD REGION

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South Australia

## WINE ANALYSES

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Alc: 14.5%, Acidity: 6.2 g/L, pH: 3.63

## MATURATION

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Barrel matured in 10% new American oak and 10% new French oak hogsheads. The balance in a combination of seasoned American and French oak

## VINTAGE CONDITIONS

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The South Australian vintage will be remembered for producing a small harvest of very high-quality grapes. The growing season was challenging with cool conditions for budburst, very windy conditions for flowering and early summer bushfires in the Adelaide Hills. However, the remainder of the summer and following autumn were very dry with optimal conditions for grapes to ripen. While yields were down the overall quality of the harvest was exceptional.

## COLOUR

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Bright cherry red

## NOSE

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A quick swirl and varietal cues leap from the glass. Classic cabernet notes of crushed mulberry leaf and lignified bay leaf. Dusty cocoa powder and woody spices of cassia and star anise. Blackberry and bramble fruits sit comfortably at the riper end of the varietal spectrum. Very enticing.

## PALATE

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On the palate a classically varietal rhubarb vibrancy is immediately apparent, supported by a dark fruit flavour profile. Earthy notes balance the sweeter fruits with hints of freshly grated beetroot, fresh mint, summer pudding and whipped cream. Oak derived nuances of cashews and walnuts provide texture, well supported by fine lacy tannins.

## PEAK DRINKING

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Now - 2029

## LAST TASTED

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November 2022

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