

# MAX'S SHIRAZ CABERNET

2020

## OVERVIEW

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Penfolds Max's Shiraz Cabernet 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 also allowed the status and heritage of Penfolds to grow. An approachable Penfolds style on release – straight to glass, save the cellar.

## GRAPE VARIETY

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Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon

## VINEYARD REGION

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South Australia

## WINE ANALYSES

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Alc/Vol: 14.5%, Acidity 6.5 g/L, pH 3.63

## MATURATION

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11 months in 13% new American oak and 4% new French oak with the balance in seasoned oak hogsheads.

## 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. Although yields were down, the overall quality of the harvest was exceptional.

## NOSE

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Enticing, rich and exotic. First to emerge, red fruits of plum, raspberry and red currants. Summer berry pudding with coulis and crème anglaise. Deliciously spiced with cinnamon, cardamom and vanilla

## PALATE

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Compote strawberry. Confit duck/duck fat- textural/richness. Mouth coating tannins begin slately and mineral/slightly chewy up front, yet finish velvety/ svelte. The sinewy, chewy and juicy palate provides a lovely line and length. High lifted oak/spice notes. Well-worn leather, wood oven ciabatta crust/ damper. An open weave loose knit palate. A comforting wine in search of generously flavoured food.

## COLOUR

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Garnet red with crimson edges.

## PEAK DRINKING

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Now – 2027

## LAST TASTED

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November 2022

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