

FWT 585

CABERNET SAUVIGNON PETIT VERDOT MERLOT 2021

A rich tradition of experimentation and a quest to source quality grapes from afar continues to inspire Penfolds winemaking curiosity. This is the third release of Penfolds French Winemaking Trial, a wine sourced from exceptional vineyards across Bordeaux using time proven Penfolds techniques. Anchored by a philosophy of selecting grapes and blending quality wines to a House Style, FWT 585 continues to propel Penfolds into its future.

GRAPE VARIETY

78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Petit Verdot, 8% Merlot

VINEYARD REGION

Vin de France

WINE ANALYSIS

Alc/Vol: 13.5%, Acidity: 6.2 g/L, pH: 3.59

MATURATION

12 months French oak (32% new) and American oak (9% new) barriques

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The 2021 was marked by cooler than average weather and plentiful rainfall. The budbreak was early and was followed by cool and dry conditions. Flowering occurred in late May, in good climactic conditions — hot and dry. The sudden warmth led to strong canopy growth. Cool weather throughout August and September slowed ripening, however a month of dry conditions prevailed in the lead up to harvest, helping balance soil moisture levels. Some welcome sunshine arrived in time for the harvest. The fruit was larger than average, although the skins achieved promising tannic and richness despite the prevailing cool conditions. Grapes were harvested with good levels of maturity. This is a vintage in the traditional style, reflecting the cooler conditions of the year.

COLOUR

Cherry red, dark core. Purple hues.

NOSE

This classic blend greets the nose with an inviting bouquet of lifted summer berries, raspberry confit, and fruit bread that intertwines with the delicate sweetness of pastries dusted with icing sugar. Turmeric and peppermint add an unexpected freshness to the aromatic profile, while earthy undertones of shitake mushrooms and pine leaves showcase Medoc character. Vanilla bean pod and a subtle hint of Tabasco round out this complex nose.

PALATE

A vibrant palate that bursts forth with flavours of wild strawberry, cranberry, satsuma plum, and cherry. A creamy oak influence weaves through like nougat, reminiscent of freshly baked pastries. The structure is defined by tannins that suggest wet steel (ironstone) — fine and gravelly. A light dusting of cacao powder graces the finish. Underpinning it all are notes that speak to varietal heritage; a herbaceous bouquet garni laced with nutmeg spice adds depth and complexity.

PEAK DRINKING

Now – 2040

LAST TASTED

May 2024