

BIN 8

SHIRAZ CABERNET 2021

Bin 8 has been crafted in the traditional Penfolds style Ripe, balanced fruit flavours are supported by softly integrated oak resulting in an impressive, smooth red wine. It was introduced in response to a heightened interest in shiraz and cabernet blends a classic Australian wine style that caught the attention of the international wine media. Although Bin numbers were originally named after the original Bin location after bottling, Bin 8 was given its number because it uses older oak previously used for Bin 128 Bin 28 and Bin 389 with 8 obviously providing the common thread.

GRAPE VARIETY

Shiraz (54%), Cabernet Sauvignon (46%)

VINEYARD REGION

South Australia

WINE ANALYSIS

Alc/Vol: 14.8%, Acidity: 6.3 g/L, pH: 3.65

MATURATION

8% new American oak, 3% new French oak, 6% ly/o French oak with the balance in seasoned hogsheads.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Winter rainfall was in general average to below average. Maximum temperatures were warmer than long-term average across most sites, while minimum temperatures trended lower. This high diurnal range was due to the combined effects of low humidity, reduced soil moisture and reduced cloud cover. A La Nina "watch and act" alert was issued for the summer month at this time.

Spring temperatures were slightly above average across most of the regions, while conditions in November were warm for most of South Australia. For many vineyard locations, the warmer conditions contributed to excellent flowering and fruit-set, resulting in healthy yields. There were no significant frost events recorded.

December started very cool for many sites, driven by a tropical low that occurred at the start of the month. A cold front and low-pressure trough produced heavy rain in late January and early February. These anticipated La Nina conditions peaked in January with a return to more neutral conditions by early February.

Rainfall for autumn was well below average, while temperatures continued to trend low for much of March and April. The mild conditions made for an excellent harvest, with shiraz grapes ripening gradually and picked in an orderly fashion.

COLOUR

Luscious deep dark red

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A rich, exotic amalgam of dark brooding fruits. There is real concentration in this wine. So many strands to unfurl, first noted, Christmas pudding, adorned with black cherries and drizzled with pouring custard. "Schwarzwälder Kirschtorte" – a traditional Barossa-Deutch Black Forest cake. Panforte, replete with an espresso shot. Next, exotic spices... a trip to the Asian grocer. Star anise, fennel seed, freshly ground five-spice. Argentinean BBQ meats provide the mouth-watering umami notes. Also observed, a suggestion of Japanese Nori paper. A Barossa classic, sliced liverwurst on dark rye, provides an enticing charcuterie note.

PALATE

Even in the flush of youth, this wine is very complete and superbly balanced. The complexity of the nose follows onto the palate. Sweet flavours of milk chocolate and a core of generous dark fruits. Savoury meaty flavours abound, smoky Barossa mettwurst, roast pan juices, hoi sin duck. Bin 8 is a modern

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March 2023