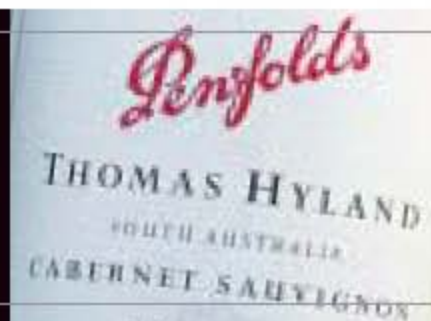


PENFOLDS THOMAS HYLAND
CABERNET SAUVIGNON



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OVERVIEW: The Penfolds Thomas Hyland Cabernet Sauvignon, a multi-district wine, draws fruit from Coonawarra, McLaren Vale and Robe. Whilst the style is essentially fruit-driven, Thomas Hyland Cabernet Sauvignon shows the classic varietal elements of ripe blackcurrant/cedar aromas and fine-grained tannins.

Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon features prominently in the wine, bringing perfume and generosity of flavour to the palate. Penfolds has access to several vineyards in Coonawarra, all located on highly-valued, well-drained terra rossa over limestone soils. This relatively isolated wine region, 400 kilometres south of Adelaide, is classified as a cool maritime region, despite the occasional searingly hot days during summer. While Coonawarra is some distance from the coast, cool afternoon sea breezes can have a beneficial moderating effect. Mild growing conditions during the Australian autumn allow optimum ripening and flavour development. Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon has a lovely inherent structure – even in average vintages – with pure varietal definition and fine chocolaty tannins.

The addition of ripe powerful McLaren Vale fruit and elegantly proportioned Robe Cabernet enhance the overall style. Vinification takes place in headed-down stainless steel vats and rotary fermenters, followed by maturation in a combination of new and aged French and American hogsheads for approximately 12 months before bottling. The wine illustrates the benefits of multi-district blending, the cornerstone of the Penfolds winemaking philosophy. The wine is an early to mid-term drinking wine. *The Rewards of Patience* panel agreed that the overall tannin structure of the Thomas Hyland Cabernet style would soften further with the benefit of a year or so of cellaring.

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First Vintage: 2001

Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon

Origin: Multi-district blend from South Australia, Coonawarra, McLaren Vale and Robe.

Fermentation: Stainless steel tanks.

Maturation: Approximately 12 months in new (15%) and aged (85%) French and American hogsheads.

Comments: Alternative Stelvin capsule bottlings available in select markets.





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2001 **Now** 2007

Medium red. Cassis/earthy/plum aromas and flavours. A very firm, dry style with pronounced gripping tannins, some subtle oak and good concentration and length. Tannins need to soften out.

2002 **Now** 2012



Deep red-purple. Intense blackcurrant/blackberry aromas with powerful dark fruit/dark chocolate flavours and strong, but ripe tannins. A well-structured wine.

COMMENTARY: “The 2001 has clear cassis/blackcurrant fruit and subtle oak. The tannins are very firm and dry.” (JH). “It has plenty of blackcurrant/plum/spice aromas and plenty of tannin and fruit on the palate.” (JW). “It has very good depth and weight of fruit with big gripping tannins. It’s worth cellaring for a while.” (HH).

“The 2002 blackcurrant/blackberry fruit aromas and flavours have some bitter chocolate characters. The tannins are strong but balanced.” (JH). “This is a very fragrant, clean wine with sweet ripe berry/cassis aromas. Like the 02 Shiraz, it has superb depth of rich, ripe, clean sweet fruit and abundant smooth ripe tannins – another good cellaring wine.” (HH).

(CPT) – CH’NG POH TIONG

(JH) – JAMES HALLIDAY

(HH) – HUON HOOKE

(JS) – JOANNA SIMON

(JW) – JOSEPH WARD