

Penfolds

# BIN 28

KALIMNA SHIRAZ 1998

Robust and generously flavoured, Penfolds Bin 28 is an unashamedly traditional, warm-climate, Australian shiraz – a showcase for the variety.

With a pedigree dating back to 1962, Bin 28 is a classic Penfolds style developed under the late Max Schubert's leadership. The wine took its name from the famous Kalimna Vineyard, purchased by Penfolds in 1945.

Today's Bin 28 is a multi-district blend, with the Barossa Valley always represented. Shiraz takes centre stage, with oak in support. The best vintages have remarkable longevity for a wine in Bin 28's price bracket.



VINEYARD REGION	McLaren Vale, Padthaway, Barossa Valley (including the Kalimna Vineyard) and Clare Valley, with small contributions from other areas.
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	The growing season started late in South Australia due to cool spring weather, although conditions were generally free of frost and disease. Early, very warm summer weather led to an early vintage, especially in northern inland areas, with excellent fruit quality across all regions. An outstanding vintage.
GRAPE VARIETY	Shiraz (Syrah)
MATURATION	12 months in used American oak.
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol: 14.00% Acidity: 6.80g/L pH: 3.5
LAST TASTED	28-Aug-04
PEAK DRINKING	2002 - 2016
FOOD MATCHES	Ideally suited to Beef, Lamb

Winemaker comments by  
John Duval

**COLOUR**

Bright crimson red.

**NOSE**

Stewed, fleshy, dark and berry fruits – raspberry, plum and cherry. Elemental cocoa powder aroma at this stage, with dark chocolate, mocha and ground coffee about to unfold. Youthful.

**PALATE**

Expansive and mouthfilling. Concentrated, with chewy ripe tannins and lingering sweet fruit. Flavours of pan forte -- warm spices, chocolate, dried fig and dates. A benchmark Bin 28 with excellent medium to long-term cellaring prospects -- an impressive leap from the 1997.