

Penfolds

MAGILL ESTATE

SHIRAZ 2000

Magill Estate Shiraz is Penfolds' only single-vineyard wine. It is of great symbolic importance because it is the only wine grown and made on the remaining 5 hectares of the original Penfolds property at Magill, in Adelaide's eastern suburbs.

First made in 1983, Penfolds Magill Estate Shiraz is an elegant, medium-weight style with velvety texture and fine tannins, matured in both new-French and new-American oak. It is a sleek, contemporary wine, yet crafted in the old-fashioned way in the 120-year-old winery: hand-picked, vinified in open fermenters and then basket pressed.

Penfolds Magill Estate Shiraz has been packaged in laser-etched bottles since the 1997 vintage.



VINEYARD REGION	Magill Estate Vineyard, Adelaide
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	Magill experienced a high-quality, low-cropping vintage that finished in the third week of February. Shiraz reached an optimal ripeness, showing excellent varietal characters. The crop was the lowest since the inaugural year in 1983.
GRAPE VARIETY	Shiraz (Syrah)
MATURATION	14 months in new French (80%) and new American (20%) oak.
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol: 14.00% Acidity: 7.00g/L pH: 3.58
LAST TASTED	23-Feb-03
PEAK DRINKING	Now - 2015
FOOD MATCHES	Ideally suited to Lamb, Beef, Cheese

Winemaker comments by
Peter Gago

COLOUR

Bright, brick red.

NOSE

Youthful with liqueured cumquat fruits meshed with scents of spice, pepper and dried tea-leaf. The fruit aromas are supported by notes of cured meats and berry, and bordered by smoky, cedary French oak – all classic Magill hallmarks.

PALATE

An explosion of fruit upon contact – the sweetness of which conveys a nectar-like, citrusy richness. A suggestion of sage/thyme gives way to a chocolatey/cherry flavour on the finish. Well-handled, integrated oak and softened ripe tannins define the wine's balance and firmness.