

Penfold's

RWT

BAROSSA VALLEY SHIRAZ 2000

Penfolds RWT Shiraz presents an admirable alternative to the multi-regional sourcing and American oak maturation that are hallmarks to Grange, expressing instead, single-region Barossa Valley Shiraz matured in French oak hogsheads. The initials RWT stand for 'Red Winemaking Trial', the name given to the wine internally when developmental work began on it in 1995.

RWT Shiraz was launched in May 2000 with the 1997 vintage. Its style is opulent and fleshy, contrasting with Grange, which is more muscular and assertive. RWT is made from fruit primarily selected for its aromatic qualities and fine texture rather than sheer intensity or power of flavour. The result is a wine that helps to redefine Barossa Shiraz at the highest quality level.



VINEYARD REGION	Barossa Valley
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	After a dry winter and cool conditions at fruit set, moderate conditions for ripening were temporarily disrupted by a hot spell in late January. Some excellent shiraz was harvested from the best-managed vineyards showing the Barossa's hallmark fruit sweetness and ripe tannin structure. The 2000 vintage will produce wines with fruit intensity and power, in a more forward style than normal.
GRAPE VARIETY	Shiraz (Syrah)
MATURATION	12 months in 60% new and 40% one-year-old French Oak.
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol: 14.00% Acidity: 6.70g/L pH: 3.54
LAST TASTED	15-Feb-03
PEAK DRINKING	Now - 2020
FOOD MATCHES	Ideally suited to Beef, Lamb, Cheese

Winemaker comments by John Duval

COLOUR

Deep crimson red.

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Packed with vibrant mulberry and blueberry fruit aromas; the classic quality indicators for benchmark Barossa Shiraz. The oak is at one with the fruit - ideally integrated.

PALATE

Possessing a dense core of powerful, small-berried black fruit. Impressively poised, with an excellent fruit/oak balance, softened tannins, succulent mouthfeel and lingering flavours. A pot-pouri of Barossa flavour, warmth and unabashed generosity.