

Penfolds

BIN 28

KALIMNA SHIRAZ 2002

Penfolds Bin 28 is a showcase for warm-climate Australian Shiraz – ripe, robust and generously flavoured. First made in 1962, Bin 28 is named after the famous Barossa Valley Kalimna vineyard purchased by Penfolds in 1945 and from which the wine was originally sourced. Today, Bin 28 is a multi-region, multi-vineyard blend, with the Barossa Valley always well represented, providing 45% of the fruit for this vintage.



VINEYARD REGION	Barossa Valley, McLaren Vale, Upper Adelaide, Padthaway.
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	Regular winter rainfalls ensured ideal soil moisture levels and healthy vine growth. Spring and summer temperatures were amongst the lowest on record, which reduced yield potential, as well as slowing overall crop ripening to a crawl. A warm, dry autumn eventuated, which, combined with careful vineyard management, enabled the grapes to reach ideal ripeness.
GRAPE VARIETY	Shiraz (Syrah)
MATURATION	This wine was matured in twelve months in older American oak hogsheads.
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol: 14.50% Acidity: - pH: -
LAST TASTED	12-Oct-04
PEAK DRINKING	Now - 2012
FOOD MATCHES	Ideally suited to Beef, Duck & Game, Lamb

Winemaker comments by Peter Gago

COLOUR

Deep, plum red.

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The nose is intense and lifted, an amalgam of dark cherries and blueberry fruits laced with cinnamon, liquorice and aniseed. An inviting wine, powerful yet not porty, without any intrusion of new oak.

PALATE

Stylistically a textbook Bin 28! The palate is mouthfilling and generous with fleshy, dark stonefruit and liqueur cherry flavours, reminiscent of a rich fruitcake mixture. The concentrated mid palate is complexed by mocha and vanilla bean flavours, in harmony with the youthful chunky tannins and an alert acidity. Arguably the best Bin 28 release since 1998, this wine will repay medium to long term cellaring.