

Penfolds

CELLAR RESERVE

GRENAICHE 2002

The tradition of innovation and experimentation is central to the Penfolds winemaking philosophy and is perpetuated in the form of Penfolds Cellar Reserve wines. These sometimes one-off releases emerge periodically when experimental wines, which have been nurtured carefully in the winery cellars, are deemed appropriate for public release.

The wines do not necessarily fit into any particular genre and provide winemakers with the freedom to strive for new styles and definitions of excellence in their expression.

With the 2002 Cellar Reserve Grenache, a wine has been developed which harnesses one of the world's most exotic and perfumed red wine grape varieties, presenting it as a single varietal wine in contrast to its more established cousin, the Bin 138 Grenache-Shiraz-Mourvèdre blend.



VINEYARD REGION	Barossa Valley
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	Regular rains throughout winter resulted in good soil moisture levels and healthy vine growth, but a cool spring and summer reduced potential yields, and in fact left grapes in danger of not ripening. A warm, dry autumn relieved the situation and this, combined with careful vineyard management, resulted in a harvest with smaller than average yields but of excellent quality.
GRAPE VARIETY	Grenache
MATURATION	Matured for 12 months in a 50/50 combination of older French and American oak hogsheads.
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol: 14.50% Acidity: - pH: -
LAST TASTED	4-Dec-03
PEAK DRINKING	Now - 2010
FOOD MATCHES	Duck & Game, Cheese, Beef

Winemaker comments by
Peter Gago

COLOUR

Dense crimson, with an almost black core.

NOSE

A heady, concentrated, fragrant lift of unabashed, youthful Grenache fruit, showing primary raspberry and dark stone-fruit conserve aromas, courted by dark spice, licorice and floral notes.

PALATE

Expansive and intensely opulent. Rich, generous blueberry and blackberry fruits, with licorice, dark chocolate and stewed beetroot layered over ripe, subtle tannins. The body is full and round, with a chewy, concentrated rich core. Fully reflective of its old-vine fruit sourcing, this wine has silky softness, yet the concentration, depth and structure to mature over several years in bottle.