

Penfold's

THOMAS HYLAND

CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2002

The Thomas Hyland range honours the pioneering spirit of Thomas Hyland, son-in-law of Dr. Christopher Rawson Penfold, whose stewardship of the company from the late 1800's until 1914 saw the development of what, in his lifetime, became Australia's most famous name in wine.

Consisting of a Shiraz, a Cabernet Sauvignon and a cool climate Chardonnay - each sourced from premium viticultural districts of South Australia, these wines offer a contemporary expression of varietal flavour and structure.



VINEYARD REGION	A blend of selected parcels of fruit from premium South Australian regions, predominately Langhorne Creek (30%), and McLaren Vale (29%), with significant proportions from Upper Adelaide, Barossa Valley, Adelaide Hills and others.
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	The 2002 season started with regular winter rainfalls that ensured ideal soil moisture levels and healthy vine growth. Throughout much of South Australia the summer was very cool with temperatures rarely exceeding 30 degrees celsius. A warm, dry autumn allowed the grapes to reach ideal ripeness. Whilst yields were reduced in cooler regions, the quality of the fruit harvested was outstanding.
GRAPE VARIETY	Cabernet Sauvignon
MATURATION	14 months in new and used French and American oak barrels.
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol: 14.50% Acidity: 6.60g/L pH: 3.55
LAST TASTED	20-Nov-03
PEAK DRINKING	Now - 2010
FOOD MATCHES	Ideally suited to Lamb, Beef, Cheese

Winemaker comments by
Peter Gago

COLOUR

Deep cherry red with vibrant crimson rim.

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Forward, lifted varietal Cabernet characters of cassis and dark fruits with attractive liquorice notes. The wine has an underlying complex of earth and mintiness, set against a subtle backdrop of vanillin oak.

PALATE

Opulent and full, with sweet wild raspberry freshness and an underpinning chocolatey richness. A typically tight, but generous varietal fruit structure is immediately satisfying in the glass whilst promising very good medium term cellaring prospects. The finely grained tannins and carefully integrated oak lend complexity to a sustained finish.