

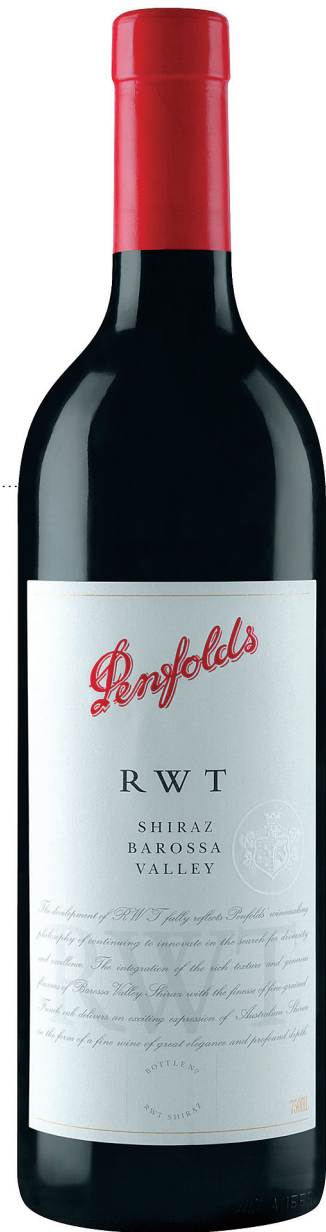
Penfold's

RWT

BAROSSA VALLEY SHIRAZ 2003

Penfold's RWT Shiraz presents an admirable alternative to the multi-regional sourcing and American oak maturation that are hallmarks of Grange, expressing instead, single-region Barossa Valley shiraz matured in French oak barriques. The initials RWT stand for 'Red Winemaking Trial', the name given to the project internally when developmental work began 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	The Barossa Valley endured the same drought conditions as most of the country with a very cool and dry winter followed by similar weather in spring. Above average temperatures with low rainfalls restricted yields, however dry weather after February allowed the vineyards to recover quickly. Shiraz produced a strong result with ripe fruit, balanced tannins and clear varietal character.
GRAPE VARIETY	Shiraz (Syrah)
MATURATION	This wine was matured for 15 months in 70% new and 30% one year old French oak hogsheads.
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol: 14.5% Acidity: 6.60g/l pH: 3.62
LAST TASTED	12 Dec 2005
PEAK DRINKING	2007 - 2018
FOOD MATCHES	Ideally suited to Beef, Duck & Game, Lamb

Winemaker comments by Peter Gago

COLOUR

Dark deep red.

NOSE

Plush, lush, blackberry and loganberry conserve notes offer lifted sweet fruit aromas with the faintest suggestion of savoury oak. Stylistically very different from its release stablemate, 2001 Grange, with darker soy/tar notes and a trace of pepper.

PALATE

A svelte, structurally tightly-bound package with good grip and definition. The sweet mid-palate is wrapped in plum, chocolate and spice flavours, while pronounced grainy tannins and cedary integrated oak court a long lingering finish. At this stage of development the wine definitely needs air (a requirement, not a choice!), however the 2003 RWT is one to drink while waiting for the 2001 and 2002 to evolve.