

Penfolds

RAWSON'S RETREAT

MERLOT 2004

Penfolds Rawson's Retreat wines present classic single varietal and varietal blends in an approachable, fresh-flavoured style for early enjoyment. Drawing on Penfolds' extensive vineyard resources, the wines offer a first-rate quality and value guarantee, presenting the drinker with an affordable taste of everyday Australian wine at its best.

The name Rawson's Retreat is an informal reference to the stone cottage built in 1845 by Dr Christopher Rawson Penfold at the famous Magill vineyard in Adelaide, where he, with wife Mary and daughter Georgina, had settled the year before and were to establish the Penfolds winery which still operates today.



VINEYARD REGION	Multi-regional with significant proportions from Langhorne Creek, the Clare Valley, and McLaren Vale.
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	Above average winter rainfall led into a promising vintage, which was characterised by mild conditions up until February, followed by hot weather conditions throughout March and April. South Australia fared well and produced wines of elegance and intensity.
GRAPE VARIETY	Merlot
MATURATION	A proportion of this wine received short-term oak maturation.
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol: 14.00% Acidity: - pH: -
LAST TASTED	4-Oct-04
PEAK DRINKING	Now - 2008
FOOD MATCHES	Ideally suited to Lamb, Pasta, Pizza

Winemaker comments by
Peter Gago

COLOUR

Bright youthful red cherry with ruby red core.

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Floral, rose petal and violets surrounded with red cherry fruit and spicy oak.

PALATE

A core of red fruits, red cherries and plums with strawberries and cream. The wine is softly textured with a spicy oak finish and defining ripe tannins.