

Penfolds

RAWSON'S RETREAT

CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2005

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 an 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	Regional South Australia.
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	The 2005 vintage was of consistent good quality across all regions. Favourable seasonal conditions - particularly mild temperatures, with few sustained hot periods, and moderate and generally well timed rainfall - resulted in good quality and steady ripening of fruit, with full varietal characters being developed.
GRAPE VARIETY	Cabernet Sauvignon
MATURATION	Selected parcels received moderate oak maturation.
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol: 13.50% Acidity: - pH: -
LAST TASTED	9-May-06
PEAK DRINKING	Now - 2009
FOOD MATCHES	Ideally suited to Beef, Hamburger, Pasta

Winemaker comments by Peter Gago

COLOUR

Crimson red with a deep red core.

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The nose is full of varietal fruit aromas: lifted red cherries; ribena; blackcurrants; and mint.

PALATE

The palate is dense and rich showcasing first fruit, followed by subtle oak. Flavours on the palate include mint, liquorice, plums and blackcurrants. The tannins are balanced and approachable, fine and grainy leaving the wine soft and supple. A great early drinking Cabernet Sauvignon.