

Penfolds

RAWSON'S RETREAT

MERLOT 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 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 McLaren Vale, Adelaide Hills and the Clare Valley.
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	Merlot
MATURATION	A proportion of this wine received short-term 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, Lamb, Veal

Winemaker comments by Peter Gago

COLOUR	Vibrant crimson red.
NOSE	The nose is full of aromas of cherry, violets, plum and spicy sweet fruitcake.
PALATE	The palate showcases fruit first and is subtly finished with integrated oak. Juicy plum, dark fruit and fruitcake flavours are supported by ripe, soft and subtle tannins, resulting in an easy drinking vibrant young Merlot.