

*Penfolds*

# RAWSON'S RETREAT

SHIRAZ CABERNET 2005

Penfolds Rawson's Retreat wines present classic single-varietals and varietal blends in an approachable, fresh-flavoured style. 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.

Launched in 1995, Rawson's Retreat is the introductory level for Penfolds wines. 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 - with wife Mary and daughter Georgina - he had settled the year before and was to soon establish the Penfolds winery, which still operates today.



VINEYARD REGION	Sourced from vineyards throughout South Australia, including a sizeable contribution from the Barossa 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	Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz (Syrah)
MATURATION	Parcels of this wine were fermented and matured with a combination of French and American oak.
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol: 13.50% Acidity: - pH: -
LAST TASTED	23-Feb-06
PEAK DRINKING	Now-2008
FOOD MATCHES	Ideally suited to Beef, Lamb, Pasta

## Winemaker comments by Peter Gago

COLOUR	Dark red.
NOSE	Aromas of lifted, fresh, red berry fruits are supported by spicy oak.
PALATE	Initially, this wine displays generous sweet flavours of raspberry, spice, green olive and truffle that develop to a finish characterised by creamy coconut oak and soft lingering tannins. A fruit driven wine, ready to be consumed.