

Penfold's

GRANGE

1971

This wine is a blend of 87 per cent Shiraz and 13 per cent Cabernet Sauvignon and created a sensation when it won gold and topped its class at the Gault-Millau Wine Olympiad in Paris in 1979, beating the best Rhone Valley wines. It also won a trophy, four gold, four silver and five bronze medals at Australian wine shows between 1971 and 1982.

'If you had to point to a wine which fulfilled all the ambitions of Grange, it would have to be 1971,' said Max Schubert in 1993. 'It was a great wine from a vintage that was great throughout South Australia'.



VINEYARD REGION	Kalimna (Barossa Valley), Barossa Valley, Magill (Adelaide), Clare Valley and Coonawarra in South Australia.
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	An excellent year in South Australia with ideal, generally warm conditions throughout both growing season and vintage. The result was an abundance of grapes of very high quality.
GRAPE VARIETY	Shiraz (Syrah), Cabernet Sauvignon
MATURATION	Eighteen months in new American oak hogsheads.
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol: 12.30% Acidity: 6.30g/L pH: 3.72
LAST TASTED	1-Sep-03
PEAK DRINKING	Now - 2016
FOOD MATCHES	-

Winemaker comments by Max Schubert

COLOUR

Medium brick red.

NOSE

An astonishing wine with intensely sweet, lifted, complex and perfumed prune/apricot/truffle aromas with hints of violet and fig.

PALATE

Silken, opulent with fleshy apricot/prune fruit and truffy, earthy, demi-glacé undertones balanced by fine, sweet tannins and an extremely long finish. A superb wine.