

# Penfolds



## Bin 128 Coonawarra Shiraz 2001

Launched in 1962, Penfolds Bin 128 is a regional wine that reflects the unique climate and growing conditions of South Australia's Coonawarra district and the elegant style of cool-climate Shiraz. From the 1980 vintage, French oak replaced American, highlighting the pepper-and-spice characteristics that define this style. Since the mid-1980s, greater attention has been paid to fruit ripeness, resulting in a wine that is fuller in style and structure.

### Vineyard Region

Coonawarra

### Vintage Conditions

Good winter rains gave Coonawarra a very good start to the growing season. Fruit set was excellent and careful vineyard management to reduce crop load, ensured the vines were in good shape to continue ripening throughout the season. March rains were followed by fine conditions in April and May, with the resulting fruit reaching full ripeness and picked in optimal condition.

### Grape Variety

Shiraz (Syrah)

### Maturation

12 months in new (21%) and older French oak hogsheads.

## Winemaker Comments: Peter Gago - Penfolds Chief Winemaker



### Colour

Dense and vibrant red, bordering a purple core.



### Nose

Dark spices and tobacco intertwine with generous blackberry and blueberry fruits. Complex notes of cedar, clove and charcuterie abound, creating an impressive aromatic Shiraz offering.



### Palate

Defined, concentrated and tight, very much in keeping with the Bin 128 style. Wild raspberry fruit intensity is laced with nutmeg and clove spices, with an appealing, interwoven tannin and oak structure supporting the overall palate and adding to a long, persistent finish. A 'warm vintage' interpretation of this classic wine style, allowing extended cellaring potential, if desired.

### Wine Analysis

Alc/Vol: 13.5%  
 Acidity: 6.00g/L  
 pH: 3.54

### Last Tasted

2 Oct 2003

### Peak Drinking

Now - 2020

### Food Matches

Ideally suited to Beef, Pasta, Lamb

