

Penfolds

# BIN 389

CABERNET SHIRAZ 1997

Bin 389 and other wines in the Penfolds Bin-range 'family' of red wines - 28, 128 and 707 - were the result of Max Schubert's constant experimentation during the 1950s and 1960s.

Bin 389 combines the elegance of Cabernet Sauvignon with the richness of Shiraz and demonstrates the traditional Penfolds' trademark - balance between fruit and oak, in a wine with rich varietal characters and medium to long-term cellaring potential.



VINEYARD REGION	Barossa Valley, Bordertown, Padthaway, Coonawarra and McLaren Vale districts of South Australia.
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	A cool summer - and delayed ripening - was followed by warm weather in late March and April. Winter rainfall had been excellent in most districts and good rains continued into September and past bud-burst.
GRAPE VARIETY	Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz (Syrah)
MATURATION	13 months in a combination of new (24 percent) & used American oak.
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol: 13.50% Acidity: 6.60g/L pH: 3.52
LAST TASTED	27-Jul-04
PEAK DRINKING	Now - 2010
FOOD MATCHES	Ideally suited to Beef

## Winemaker comments by John Duval

### COLOUR

Deep, dense ruby.

### NOSE

Dark liqueur chocolate and berried notes with blackcurrant aromas coming through as the wine sits in the glass. Alluring smoky barrel ferment characters lifting above dark, ripe plum, stewed rhubarb and berried fruits.

### PALATE

Firm, with a generous, sweet mid-palate and some chocolate and liquorice flavours combined with smoky oak. Rounded (but pronounced) tannins contribute to the wine's excellent balance and length.