



Penfolds

Since its inception in 1959, Bin 28 has embodied the Penfolds legacy, blending tradition with regional diversity to deliver an unmistakably Australian Shiraz.

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Bin 28 Kalimna Shiraz 2021

, Australia

Region and Vineyards

Penfolds Bin 28 Kalimna Shiraz 2021 is drawn from a mosaic of South Australia's prime Shiraz-growing zones: McLaren Vale, Barossa Valley, Clare Valley, Padthaway, and Wrattenbully. Though initially named after the Kalimna vineyard in the Barossa, the wine has evolved into a multi-regional showcase, while always maintaining a strong Barossa core.

The 2021 vintage benefited from a cooler and extended ripening season, particularly in the Barossa and Clare Valleys, which delivered exceptional fruit clarity and structural finesse. Wrattenbully and Padthaway contributed vibrant aromatics and freshness, while McLaren Vale offered a rich, ripe core of plush fruit. The diversity of terroirs ensured a seamless integration of richness, savouriness, and bright acidity, capturing the essence of each subregion while honouring Penfolds' distinctive blending philosophy.

Winemaking

Penfolds Bin 28 is composed of 100% Shiraz, emblematic of the varietal purity and structural intensity associated with the label. The fruit, sourced from distinct climatic zones, was fermented and matured for 12 months in American oak hogsheads, of which 7% were new. This maturation process lent the wine a nuanced backbone of spice and texture without dominating the fruit's vibrancy.

The winemaking team led by Peter Gago, Penfolds' Chief Winemaker, adheres to the house style: bold, expressive, and cellar-worthy wines crafted through precision blending. The relatively low use of new oak in 2021 allowed the regional character of each component to shine, resulting in a wine that balances ripe fruit with savoury complexity.



Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 100% Syrah



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Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep, impenetrable black core fading to a garnet rim.
- **Aroma:** An intense and lifted bouquet of umami-rich savoury notes - roast meat, dark soy, sopressa salami - interwoven with five-spiced duck, dried herbs (rosemary, oregano), and hints of charred fennel. Subtle dark chocolate and Szechuan peppercorn emerge as the wine breathes.
- **Palate:** Plush, enveloping dark fruits - black cherry, blueberry compote, and liquorice - glide over a framework of fine tannins and bright acidity. A savoury undertow adds depth, with flavours of smoked meats, mocha, and baked spices stretching into a long, harmonious finish.

Did you know?

First released in 1959, Bin 28 was the first wine to bear a bin number in the Penfolds portfolio. The number referred to the cellar bin in which it was stored at the original Magill Estate. Despite evolving into a multi-regional blend, it still proudly carries the name Kalimna, a nod to the legendary Barossa vineyard purchased by Penfolds in 1945.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled lamb chops with rosemary and garlic** - the wine's savoury depth and herbal notes echo the aromatic meat.
- **Beef short ribs in hoisin glaze** - complements the umami-driven profile and rich tannins.
- **Mushroom risotto with black truffle** - enhances the earthy, savoury dimensions of the wine.
- **Aged cheddar or Manchego** - balances the fruit weight with salty, nutty sharpness.



Robert Parker (RP) : 92 Points (2021)

The 2021 Bin 28 Shiraz hails from five regions: McLaren Vale, Barossa Valley, Padthaway, Wrattenbully and Clare Valley. The wine matured for 12 months in American oak (7% new), and this really amplifies the sweet fruit characters in the mouth. It's already nicely integrated aromatically, despite being poured and opened in the same instance (i.e., no preparation prior to tasting), and is redolent with red and purple berry fruit. Spicy, full throttle and loads of tannin in the mouth. Nicely chewy. The first vintage of this wine was in 1959. 14.5% alcohol, sealed under screw cap.



Decanter (DCT) : 94 Points (2019)

Clearly defining what many customers expect from a conventional Australian Shiraz, this has sunny, fresh and vibrant fruit aromas and flavours swirling in the glass: big blackberry in an embrace with satsuma plum. Generous in body without being flabby, the disciplined oak and tannin regime pulls the belly taut to ensure the palate finishes clean and lean. Say yes to another glass – especially as it offers very good value. (DS) (6/2021)



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