

Penfolds

Sourced exclusively from Coonawarra's famed terra rossa soils , this wine is a compelling example of regional identity shaped by terroir and time.

Bin 128 Coonawarra Shiraz 2021

Coonawarra, Australia



Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 100% Syrah

Region and Vineyards

Bin 128 is sourced entirely from the **Coonawarra region** of South Australia, a narrow strip of land renowned for its **terra rossa soils**, a vibrant red clay overlaying porous limestone. This unique soil composition, combined with a maritime-influenced cool climate, promotes slow ripening and flavor development, resulting in Shiraz of striking aromatic precision and textural finesse.

The 2021 vintage began with dry early-season conditions, followed by a warm spring that aided flowering and fruit set, the best in two decades. Despite a brief heatwave in February, the overall season was cooler than average, allowing for extended hang time on the vine. This slow ripening encouraged the development of deep varietal character and balanced acidity, setting the stage for one of Coonawarra's standout vintages.

Winemaking

Crafted from **100% Shiraz**, Penfolds Bin 128 2021 was fermented in stainless steel tanks with a focus on gentle extraction to preserve the wine's aromatic lift and structural elegance.

The wine was aged for **12 months in French oak hogsheads**, of which **21% were new** and **22% were one year old**. The exclusive use of French oak-introduced to this cuvée in the 1980s-highlights Bin 128's stylistic divergence from other Penfolds Shiraz labels. The maturation gently frames the wine, contributing savoury complexity and seamless integration without overpowering the cool-climate fruit.

Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Deep plum purple, youthful and vibrant.
- **Aroma**: Lifted notes of blue fruits, violet, and cracked black pepper, underpinned by wild mulberry, boysenberry, and white strawberry. Layers of spice, roast beef, horseradish, Moroccan herbs, and a whisper of struck match and pencil shavings add savoury intrigue.
- **Palate**: Medium-bodied, elegant, and savoury. Flavours of black olive, pepper, and paprika interplay with nuances of almond kernel and cardamom. Tannins are silky and finely grained, neatly wrapped around the fruit core. A linear acid spine ensures balance and drive. Polished yet poised for aging.

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Did you know?

Bin 128 was first released in 1962 and remains unique in the Penfolds range for being exclusively sourced from Coonawarra and matured entirely in French oak-underscoring its cool-climate, European-influenced style within the broader Penfolds Shiraz portfolio.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Duck breast with Moroccan spices**: The wine's spice profile and medium body enhance the richness and seasoning of the dish.
- **Grilled lamb with rosemary and cracked pepper**: Complementary to the wine's peppery edge and savoury undertones.
- **Charcuterie with olives and hard cheeses**: The cured meat and briny notes find resonance with the wine's savoury, umami core.
- **Mushroom and blue cheese tart**: Earthy flavours align beautifully with the spice and structure of the wine.



Robert Parker (RP) : 92 Points (2021)

The 2021 Bin 128 Coonawarra Shiraz is blue-fruited and spicy, with blueberry compote, salted licorice, blackberry bramble and olive tapenade. In the mouth, the fruit is powered by an effusive wall of soft, pillowy tannin, and there's lovely length through the finish (shaved fennel/garden mint through here). It's pure and blue and spicy. It matured for 12 months in French oak hogsheads (21% new). 14.5% alcohol, sealed under natural cork.