

Penfolds

An expressive Australian Cabernet, Bin 407 2021 delivers varietal clarity with structure and poise, embodying Penfolds' hallmark of multi-regional blending excellence.

Bin 407 Cabernet Sauvignon 2021

, Australia



Region and Vineyards

The 2021 vintage of Bin 407 is a masterful blend sourced from premier vineyards across South Australia, including **Coonawarra, Wrattonbully, McLaren Vale, Padthaway, Barossa Valley, and Adelaide Hills**. These regions span varied mesoclimates and soil types, contributing complementary nuances of fruit, structure, and aromatic character.

Vintage conditions were notably favourable across all sites. Spring was warm and dry, promoting excellent fruit set, especially in Coonawarra and Padthaway. The growing season was defined by relatively mild temperatures and low disease pressure, with a slow, even ripening period. Yields were generous and of outstanding quality, particularly for Cabernet Sauvignon. The result: small, thick-skinned berries with a balance of fruit concentration and fresh acidity, ideal for Bin 407's expressive style.

Winemaking

Bin 407 2021 is composed exclusively of **Cabernet Sauvignon**, vinified using Penfolds' time-tested approach. Fruit was destemmed and fermented in stainless steel, with regular pump-overs to extract fine tannins and colour.

The wine underwent **12 months of maturation** in **French oak hogsheads (25% new)** and **American oak hogsheads (12% new)**, with the balance in one-year-old barrels. This careful oak regime was designed to frame the wine without overshadowing its varietal purity. The result is a Cabernet that balances accessibility and ageability- Penfolds' stylistic bridge between Bin 707 and more approachable red releases.

Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

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Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Crimson red with youthful vibrancy.
- **Aroma**: A complex bouquet of violets, blackberry, and mulberry. Supporting notes of cherry clafoutis, blood plum, and brioche interlace with bay leaf, mulberry leaf, and wet tobacco. Delicate hints of baking spices whisper in the background.
- **Palate**: Medium to full-bodied with concentrated cool dark fruits. Charred capsicum and cumin-spiced eggplant lend savoury depth, complemented by sandalwood and cherry wood smoke. Tannins are fine, graphite-like, and persistent, with a finishing note of bitter dark chocolate. Energetic and finely tuned, this is a wine that impresses now yet promises decades of evolution.

Did you know?

Bin 407 was first released in 1993 (vintage 1990), inspired by the grand Bin 707. It was developed to showcase **varietal definition and regional harmony**, responding to the rise in high-quality Cabernet fruit across Australia. It remains one of Penfolds' most internationally recognised labels for varietal clarity.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled ribeye steak with chimichurri**: The wine's structure and graphite tannins balance beautifully with the richness of the beef and herbal vibrancy of the sauce.
- **Roast lamb with rosemary and garlic**: Herbal notes in the wine echo the aromatics of the dish, while fruit concentration supports the meat's savoury intensity.
- **Charred eggplant and cumin stew**: A perfect echo of the wine's smoky and spiced palate.
- **Aged cheddar or Comté**: Hard cheeses complement the wine's structure and subtle oak-derived complexity.

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Robert Parker (RP) : 94 Points (2021)

The 2021 Bin 407 Cabernet Sauvignon is from Coonawarra, Wrattonbully, McLaren Vale, Padthaway, Barossa Valley and Adelaide Hills. As I smelled this, I thought, "Gee, this smells good!" Usually, I find the presence of American oak to be distracting and ill-matched to the leafy, detailed Cabernet fruit. Here, there has been a significant proportion of French oak (25% new) and a lesser proportion of American oak (12% new oak). You get dark chocolate, berry compote, resin, stewed rhubarb, cassis, crème de menthe, soft-eating licorice and black olive tapenade. All regions have a warm climate, with the exception of Adelaide Hills, of course. In this cooler year, the fruit is mouth-filling without being heavy. Saturating. Lovely. Creamy. Big! Excellent.

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Decanter (DCT) : 96 Points (2020)

The beautiful nose is typically seductive: rich, full and confident, without ever being too heavy or blocky – the mark of Penfolds' fastidious Cabernet Sauvignon selection from five separate regions. The palate glides along a silky, gossamer weave of vivid red and purple berries, and this glorious choir of luscious and supple fruits is supported by just a hint of wild herbs, a sprinkle of chocolate powder and tannins that support the impressive palate length. Released at A$120/bottle.

James Suckling (JS) : 94 Points (2020)

Strong statement of cabernet is the first impression, with violets, blueberries, blackcurrants, fresh leaves and herbs. I like the clarity here. The palate has such intense and rich fruit, with plush, polished and ripe blueberry and cassis flavors. Holds an impressively measured and balanced stance. A blend of McLaren Vale, Barossa Valley, Coonawarra, Padthaway and Wrattonbully. Drink or hold.

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