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Designed as a stylistic counterpoint to Grange, RWT emphasises purity of fruit and French oak finesse , redefining what Barossa can express at the highest echelon.

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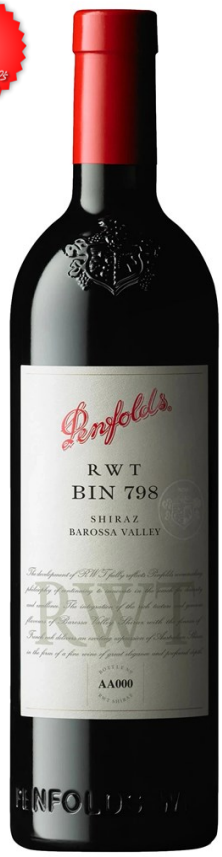

RWT Bin 798 Shiraz 2021

Barossa Valley, Australia

Region and Vineyards

The RWT project began in the early 1990s as a "Red Winemaking Trial", now fully realised in this acclaimed cuvée sourced exclusively from **Barossa Valley Shiraz**. This iconic South Australian region is known for producing deeply flavoured Shiraz with signature intensity and warmth, yet the RWT style aims to articulate a more refined expression of the Barossa—one led by aromatics, plush texture, and fine tannins.

The 2021 growing season in the Barossa was characterised by a wetter-than-average August that replenished water reserves, offsetting the drier July. Spring was warm and ideal for even budburst and flowering, while summer brought 21 days above 35°C, balanced by mild conditions between January and March. A few light showers in early February did little to disturb the otherwise orderly harvest. Shiraz grapes were harvested at full phenolic maturity, exhibiting **exceptional varietal definition, vibrant acidity, and concentrated fruit**—elements essential to the layered and elegant RWT profile.

Winemaking

Made from **100% Shiraz**, RWT Bin 798 2021 is distinguished by its **exclusive use of French oak**, diverging from the American oak tradition of Grange. The wine was matured for **14 months in French oak hogsheads**, **80% new** and **20% one-year-old**, to provide structural framing and spice without overpowering the fruit.

The fruit selection for RWT focuses on parcels that highlight aromatic clarity, silky tannins, and density without excess. Barrel fermentation and minimal intervention techniques allow the wine to retain a sense of place, while the use of seasoned French oak introduces layered textures and complexity. The 2021 vintage, in particular, shows **incredible depth and sophistication**, delivering an opulent yet poised palate supported by polished tannins and balanced freshness. This is **a multi-dimensional Barossa Shiraz**, interpreted through a modern Penfolds lens.

Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 100% Syrah

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Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Lustrous, deep purple with a radiant sheen.
- **Aroma**: Bursting with blue fruits—fresh blueberry, mulberry, and berry compote. Notes of raspberry coulis, rhubarb crumble, violet, lavender, and red currant pastry emerge with air. Elegant French oak integrates seamlessly, contributing hints of cola, panettone, candied orange peel, chocolate, green olive brine, flint, and faint struck match.
- **Palate**: Plush and powerful, with ripe plum, mulberry, and blackcurrant forming the fruit core. Notes of hazelnut, coffee, malted chocolate, crème brûlée, and bitter chinotto lend richness and grip. Tannins are ultra-fine yet assertive, driving a long, structured, and layered finish. A wine of gravitas and grace.

Did you know?

The name **RWT** stands for "Red Winemaking Trial", a reference to its experimental origins. Today, it stands as one of **Penfolds' most luxurious and terroir-specific wines**, offering a French-oaked alternative to Grange's American oak structure.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Beef Wellington with truffle jus**: Elevates the wine's savory richness and plush tannins.
- **Duck confit with orange glaze**: Echoes the fruit depth and adds a citrus lift that complements the wine's panettone and candied orange notes.
- **Slow-cooked lamb shoulder with rosemary and olives**: Highlights the wine's herbal and briny nuances.
- **Dark chocolate and hazelnut tart**: Mirrors the praline and mocha elements on the finish.

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Robert Parker (RP) : 95 Points (2021)

The 2021 RWT Bin 798 is layered with wheat-y/biscuity oak on the nose with blackberry compote, black earth, black olive tapenade ... black, black, black. Tannic and muscular in the mouth and so much of everything: fruit, oak and tannin. A dense wine of monstrous proportions, those who love this gritty, hedonistic style will be incandescent with pleasure. Positively glowing. This 2021 RWT is like the heart and soul of the RWT style. Barossa, Barossa, Barossa. Big! Matured for 14 months in French oak (80% new).

96 Wine Spectator

Wine Spectator (WS) : 96 Points (2019)

Rich and succulent, oozing with milk chocolate, salted caramel and kirsch flavors, with dense and toothsome tannins that are polished and refined. Blackberry and spiced plum flavors show clove, cumin and white pepper accents, with a sweet note of spearmint lingering on the long, expressive finish. Drink now through 2045.

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James Suckling (JS) : 96 Points (2019)

A strident RWT with a regional signature of tar and coal smoke to the ripe plums and blackberries. Such intense, ripe dark-plum and blackberry drive on powerful, deep-set tannins that run long through the finish. Contained power.

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