

Penfolds

Since 1964, this flagship Cabernet has been celebrated for its cellaring potential and full-bodied grandeur , crafted only in vintages where quality meets exacting standards.

Bin 707 Cabernet Sauvignon 2021

, Australia

96 Decanter



Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Region and Vineyards

Bin 707 2021 is sourced from premier vineyards in **Coonawarra, Barossa Valley, and Wrattonbully**, reflecting the Penfolds tradition of blending across regions to achieve balance, complexity, and stylistic consistency. Each of these sites contributes a unique dimension: Coonawarra brings structure and fine tannins from its terra rossa soils; Barossa provides power, richness, and black fruit density; and Wrattonbully offers aromatics and composure through its cooler climate influences.

The vintage was marked by excellent conditions across all three regions. Coonawarra began the season dry, with a warm and frost-free spring enabling even flowering and fruit set. Summer and autumn remained cooler than average, encouraging slow and even ripening. Barossa experienced a mild growing season with only moderate heat spikes, while August rainfall bolstered vine health after a dry July. Overall, the season was favourable, producing **Cabernet Sauvignon of outstanding concentration, structural integrity, and varietal definition**—exactly what is required for Bin 707.

Winemaking

Penfolds Bin 707 2021 is crafted exclusively from **100% Cabernet Sauvignon**, and reflects the most opulent and ageworthy expression of the varietal in the Penfolds portfolio. In line with tradition, it was matured for **16 months in 100% new American oak hogsheads**, which imparts not only structure and richness, but also the hallmark creamy texture and exotic spice that define the style.

Despite the assertive oak regimen, the 2021 vintage shows remarkable integration—evidence of both the quality of the fruit and the skillful handling in the cellar. Fermentation and élevage were conducted to preserve freshness and layering, allowing the natural black fruit power of the Cabernet to harmonise with oak-derived notes of cocoa, coconut rough, brandy snap, and toasted spice. **Bin 707 2021 is a model of balance and depth**, demonstrating luxurious weight and effortless length while remaining remarkably composed.

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Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Dense, impenetrable black core with a faint red hue at the rim.
- **Aroma**: Leaps from the glass with classic Cabernet markers: blackcurrant, cassis, mulberry, and black plum. Complex layers of black fig, Moroccan spices, and a hint of dukkah (cumin, coriander, sesame). Oak is seamlessly integrated, offering scents of coconut rough, brandy snap, toasted sourdough, and dark chocolate.
- **Palate**: Rich and enveloping, driven by a wave of mulberry, raspberry, blackcurrant, goji berry, and licorice. Hints of cocoa, cinnamon bun, and roasted beef linger in the background. The tannins are firm, glossy, and multidimensional, with a creamy texture and latent power. Despite its youth, the wine is already complete and harmonious, with extraordinary depth and potential.

Did you know?

Bin 707 was first produced in 1964, named after the Boeing 707 to signify its flagship status. It is made only in years when the fruit meets the highest standards—skipping vintages like 2017 and 2020—ensuring its reputation as one of **Australia's most iconic Cabernet Sauvignons**.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Dry-aged ribeye with black garlic butter**: Matches the wine's muscular tannins and dark fruit depth.
- **Slow-cooked beef short ribs with cocoa and spice**: Echoes the wine's subtle chocolate and exotic spice notes.
- **Grilled portobello mushrooms with rosemary and sea salt**: A plant-based pairing that reflects the wine's earthy, savoury profile.
- **Comté or aged Manchego**: Firm, nutty cheeses align with the wine's power and creamy oak texture.

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Decanter (DCT) : 96 Points (2021)

The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Bin 707 hails from Coonawarra, Barossa Valley and Wrattonbully and is matured for 16 months in American oak hogsheads (100% new). On the nose, the wine is aromatically reticent, but in the mouth, the tannins (then fruit) hit with full force. This is a powerful wine that, to be honest, I find little joy in on release. The firm caveat I would assert at this stage is that old Bin 707—we are talking 20 or 30 years old—is a graceful, powerful, exciting wine. And 2021 was a gorgeous vintage: long, cool and even in the growing season, so the wines produced in this year (from South Australia particularly) are elegant and composed. The fruit here speaks of its vintage origins; however, the oak remains a big part of the story at this early stage. The "plus" part of the score is a very loud indicator of its future potential. 14.5% alcohol, sealed under natural cork.