

MAX'S CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2021

OVERVIEW

Penfolds Max's Cabernet Sauvignon is a tribute to former Chief Winemaker Max Schubert (1948-1975). A legend in Penfolds history, Max's constant pursuit of excellence paved the way for those who followed in his footsteps and allowed the status and heritage of Penfolds to grow. Max's Cabernet Sauvignon displays the classic Penfolds 'house stamp' inspired by Max Schubert.

GRAPE VARIETY

Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARD REGION

South Australia

WINE ANALYSES

Alc: 14.5%, Acidity: 6.1 g/L, pH: 3.69

MATURATION

Seasoned French and American oak

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Winter rainfall was near the long-term average, although July was unusually dry. Spring temperatures were generally warmer than average with excellent climactic conditions for budburst and flowering. Summer was cooler than average with no extended heat spells. Summer rainfall was 20% above the long term average. The generally mild conditions made for an excellent harvest, with shiraz and cabernet sauvignon grapes exhibiting textbook varietal character.

COLOUR

Lively deep crimson with garnet hues.

NOSE

Distinctive cabernet notes of bay leaf and blackberry leaf provide clear varietal markers. With a swirl, lifted aromatics of dark red cherries and mulberries jump from the glass. Behind the fruit, oak derived notes of cooking spices emerge, including cardamom, allspice and vanilla bean pod.

PALATE

Blackberry and dark red cherry fruits follow onto the palate. An enticing, savoury profile. Cranberry and pomegranate succulence helps provide a sweet/sour dynamic. A combination of American and French oak offers a sweet char nuance. The oak doesn't poke out or linger, rather sitting supportively with the fruit. The structural tannins are fine and grainy helping to drive the finish. The palate lingers from the delicious dense fruit and bracing tannins.

PEAK DRINKING

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