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Few New World producers have achieved the iconic status enjoyed by Penfolds. Established in 1844, it laid the foundation for Australian fine wine production. Penfolds' remarkable winemaking team – led by Peter Gago – has the herculean task of blending the best wines from a multitude of different plots, vineyards and regions to create a consistent and outstanding range. Demand for its acclaimed flagship wine, Grange, continues unabated; it maintains its status as one of the finest red wines in the world.

Under Gago's masterful stewardship, the Penfolds range has evolved over time to eschew the New World heat and larger-than-life style that can mask individuality; Penfolds' contemporary wines instead favour balance, expressing typicity for the region or grape behind each individual cuvée.

Earlier this year, we offered the first tranche of the 2020 Penfolds Collection with the Bin release. With this second tranche, we release the rest of the range - Yattarna, Reserve Bin A Chardonnay, RWT, Magill Estate, St Henri Shiraz and, of course, Grange. The 2016 vintage of Grange – Australia's most famous wine – is superb, and has been compared to such iconic vintages as 2004 and 2010.

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BIN 95
GRANGE

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Penfolds' flagship wine, Grange, is the original and most powerful expression of its multi-vineyard, multi-district blending philosophy.

2016 BIN 95 GRANGE

Even by its own standards, this is a standout Grange. The nose lures you in with clove, desiccated coconut and brioche toast; red and blue fruits then come to the fore. The palate is full but never overblown; this is really rather pretty for such a young Grange. The wine's neatness and precision bely its sheer complexity and ageing potential, making it captivating even now. Drink 2026 to 2066.

Jared Ehret, Private Account Manager

Very, very dark, concentrated, blackish purple. Almost more of a decongestant than a wine. Goes straight up the nose rather than offering a complex array of different aromas. Very sweet, round and gently textured initially so that only after a while do you become aware of the massive tannins underneath — really massive! But clearly a great deal of work has been done on smoothing the tannins. Concentrated but not exaggerated. Sweet and smooth with a hint of camphor. Salt and spice, and drier than some Granges at this early stage.

18.5++/20 Jancis Robinson

A blend of 97% shiraz and 3% cabernet sauvignon from Barossa, McLaren Vale, Clare Valley and Magill Estate. This is a very intense Grange with such rich blackfruit, tar and coal-smoke aromas together with iodine and black-olive notes and an array of wild dark herbs. Almost impenetrable dark plums and licorice, as well as bacon fat. The palate has such seamless delivery of intense blackberry and plum flavors with some redder tones emerging, too. The power here is countered by such freshness and an almost elegant feel. This has such impressive, vibrant, long and seamless fruit power. Really is exceptionally complete, but tight, needs time to open. Very enjoyable now, but better after 2023.

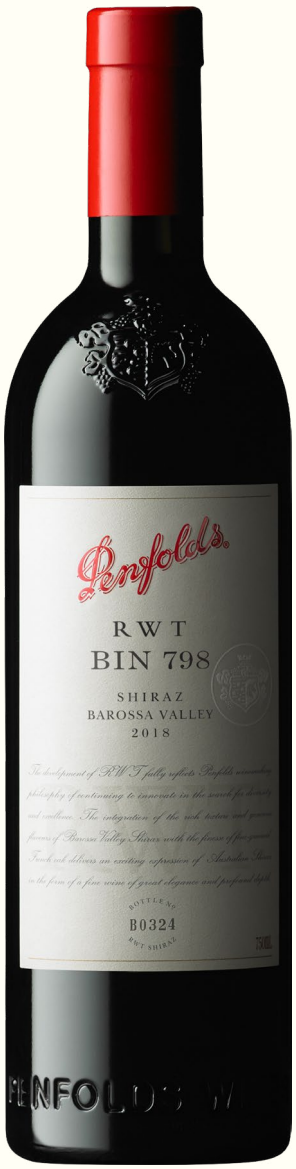
98/100 James Suckling

6 x 75cl bottles in bond	**£2,070.00**
3 x 150cl magnums in bond	**£2,280.00**

RWT BIN 798
BAROSSA VALLEY SHIRAZ

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RWT, otherwise known as Red Winemaking Trial, is an expression of single-region Barossa Valley Shiraz at the highest level of quality.

2018 BIN 798, RWT, BAROSSA VALLEY SHIRAZ

RWT's combination of Barossa fruit and French oak always make for a rich, opulent and hedonistic wine; the '18 is pure, plump and succulent. It's also perfectly balanced; the acidity and oak levels are expertly judged. The biggest challenge here is finding the patience to age the wine: the intrinsic balance allows – nay, almost encourages – immediate drinking, though this superb wine will age beautifully. Drink now to 2040.

Gary Owen, Private Account Manager

Lustrous dark purplish crimson. Smell of rather damp oak(!) to me. Very distinctive! And certainly no longer a trial. Camphor and very obvious ripeness on the nose. Round and very gently handled. I could almost drink this tonight! Transparent and lively. Tastes as though it has been moved along the spectrum a bit further from the Grange concentration model. Appetising and dry on the end. Almost as light as claret-like in build. A charmer. Great balance.

18/20 Jancis Robinson

This has a very attractively fresh, showy feel to the nose with aromas of ripe red cherries, blackberries, goji berries and redcurrants, as well as red plums and some wild-herb and licorice notes on offer, too. Very expressive and fragrant. The palate has a super intense and powerful delivery of ripe red-cherry and plum flavors and immaculately fresh French oak (64% new) that really clasps and holds the finish long. The tannins are so ripe and well positioned. Drink over two decades.

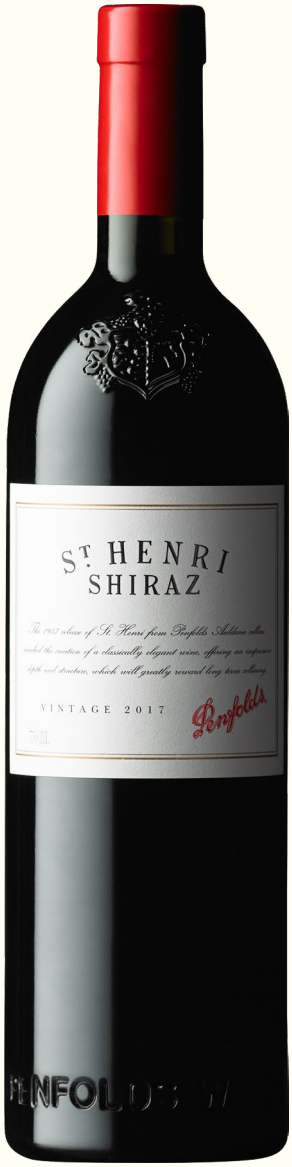
96/100 James Suckling

6 x 75cl bottles in bond	**£453.00**
3 x 150cl magnums in bond	**£495.00**

ST HENRI
SHIRAZ

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The St Henri Shiraz is a rarity for quality Australian red wines, being aged only in large, old – over 50-year-old – oak. The absence of new oak allows the fruit to speak for itself in a pure, unadulterated manner.

2017 ST HENRI SHIRAZ

St Henri is a clean and polished expression of Shiraz, with a little Cabernet Sauvignon in the blend to add weight. There's no new oak, the team opting instead for 12 months' ageing in 50-year-old oak vats. As a result, the nose is expressive, with aromas of blackberries, balsamic and coffee beans. The palate reflects the nose and shows herbaceous and pepper notes. The '17 has great ageing potential; give it at least five years in the cellar. Drink 2025 to 2045.

Paul Keating, Private Account Manager

Dark purplish crimson. Pure, intense, Australian, silky saline Shiraz on the nose. Already smooth and approachable. Tarry finish but not aggressively chewy. Hint of molasses on the (dry) finish. This is my style of Oz Shiraz with finely polished edges. The cool vintage doesn't seem to have left any unpleasant traces – but I suppose there was extremely strict selection.

17.5/20 Jancis Robinson

This has a very impressive, intense nose with a cool and spicy edge, as well as aromas of red flowers and fresh raspberries, set amid some wild-herb tones. The palate has very expressive raspberry and cranberry flavors, delivered among fine, crunchy and lithe, juicy tannins. The palate has a deep, red-plum core that's quite tautly contained and wrapped up neatly for some time to come. Try this from 2025.

95/100 James Suckling

6 x 75cl bottles in bond	**£324.00**
6 x 150cl magnums in bond	**£720.00**

MAGILL ESTATE
SHIRAZ

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The historic Magill Estate lies within Adelaide's city limits; this is Penfolds' historic home and the source of this stellar single-vineyard Shiraz.

2018 MAGILL ESTATE SHIRAZ

It's been a while since my last Penfolds range tasting, and I must admit that I've always been partial to St Henri. This year, it was the bold and beguiling Magill Estate that stood out – for me, it's the best of the bunch except for Grange itself. The nose is rich and autumnal, with pronounced dark fruits and real freshness. The palate is well-balanced with tobacco, raspberry and mocha notes. The finish subtly lingers for a minute or so but never overpowers. Drink 2022 to 2032.

Ben Upjohn, Senior Private Account Manager

Dark, concentrated purple colour. Lifted and lively – intriguing rather than flashy. Polished tannins and an undertow of sweet tarriness. Contained rather than constructed. Dry finish for the moment but very promising. Hint of mint and long. Some but not too much sweetness.

17.5/20 Jancis Robinson

A very intense and ripe expression of dark-cherry, plum and raspberry aromas here with some chocolate powder and cedar-oak inflections, all nicely matched to the rich, sumptuous fruit. The palate has a very plush, smooth-honed and dense feel with fine layers of tannins that gather weight and power on the finish. Deceptively long with a wrap of dark, toasted spice around rich blackberries.

96/100 James Suckling

6 x 75cl bottles in bond	**£468.00**

BIN 144
YATTARNA CHARDONNAY

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Yattarna represents the ambition of generations of Penfolds winemakers to create a white wine that would set the standard for outstanding Chardonnay.

2018 BIN 144 YATTARNA CHARDONNAY

This multi-regional blend is often thought of as the white Grange; fruit for this '18 vintage is sourced from Adelaide Hills, Tumbarumba and, crucially, the cooler climate of Tasmania. The nose shows signature struck match reduction, along with white flowers and a hint of cinnamon. The palate is finely balanced between texture and acidity. This is another excellent Yattarna, cementing its place among the great New World Chardonnays. Drink 2022 to 2029.

Fergus Stewart, Private Account Manager

Fine, complex, really rather Burgundian nose and great crystalline fruit and grip without austerity. The acidity level is really quite high compared with many other Chardonnays. Pretty smart. You would be very happy with this if labelled Puligny-Montrachet actually. Good stuff and it should have a long life but could be broached already.

18/20 Jancis Robinson

A blend of Tasmania, Tumbarumba and Adelaide Hills fruit, this has an intense, stony and mineral freshness with a flinty edge and a wealth of lemon sherbet, white peaches and crushed stones on the nose. Oak is deeply buried. The palate has such striking and intense depth. It's layered and long and really asserts itself as the most complex and most powerful chardonnay in this release. The depth and pristine grade of fruit here are impressive. Deep, pithy finish. Drink over the next eight years.

96/100 James Suckling

6 x 75cl bottles in bond	**£504.00**

RESERVE BIN A
CHARDONNAY

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Distinctive and complex, Reserve Bin A expresses the intensity of Adelaide Hills fruit with a textured mouth-feel from barrel fermentation and lees contact.

2019 RESERVE BIN A CHARDONNAY

This vivid single-region Chardonnay comes from the cool Adelaide Hills. The nose is beautiful, with subtle oak, butter and stone-fruit aromas. The palate has pronounced cream and peach notes; barrel fermentation is evident too, with savoury notes and a creamy texture. The wine is medium- to full-bodied with a powerful, long finish; its bright acidity ensures that it will age well. This Bin A Chardonnay will drink well on release but will gain complexity after three or four years in the cellar. Drink now to 2026.

Daniel Martin, Private Account Manager

A square-jawed Bin A with undoubted opulence on the nose and also on the initial hit of flavour on the palate, but the gate comes down early doors and it leaves you with the notion that you have just been locked out of a very promising party. Unlike Bin 311, I think that this wine will segue smoothly into a ravishing beauty, given a few years, after all, it has an epic track record on its side. The fruit has flashes of white peach and Comice pear but the overriding theme is 'white', with blanche neige purity and a more than a little gusto under the bonnet. This is one of the most impressive and consistently excellent Chardonnays in the country and 2019 continues this impeccable track record.

19+/20 Matthew Jukes

Stunning purity here, offering very expressive white peaches with a gently spicy edge, as well as lemons, yellow grapefruit and well pitched French oak. The palate has a very attractively focused shape with intensity and compressed, elegant yet powerful style. Layered, long and deep. Great balance. Drink over the next six years.

95/100 James Suckling

6 x 75cl bottles in bond	**£258.00**



Critic Scores:

	2016 Bin 95 Grange	2018 Bin 798 RWT	2017 St Henri Shiraz	2018 Magill Estate	2018 Bin 144 Yattarna	2019 Reserve Bin A Chardonnay
Jancis Robinson	18.5++	18	17.5	17.5	18	17
James Suckling	98	96	95	96	96	95
Joe Czerwinski, Wine Advocate	99	98	93	92	93+	93
Matthew Jukes	20+	19+	18+	17.5+	19+	19+
The World of Fine Wine	100	98	94	98	97	92-93

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