

Getting the right fruits, every time

Dr Christopher Penfold first planted grapes at Magill, South Australia in 1844 and Penfolds has maintained a belief in quality and consistency ever since.

The cornerstone of Penfolds philosophy for red wine making is using the best possible fruit and selecting the right fruit for each style, be it Grange or Koonunga Hill.

Penfolds has become a master at combining fruit with just the right balance of oak to add both complexity and distinctive character to its wines.

The maturing wines are inspected regularly and the time in wood is

finally determined by their development.

All Penfolds reds are further matured in the bottle.

Grange is never released under five years old, while Koonunga Hill is released after two years.

Benchmark for all reds

Grange is hailed as Australia's greatest red wine; the benchmark by which all other red wines are judged.

The first vintage of Grange was in 1952 and developed by the then Chief Winemaker Max Schubert.

The amount of Grange produced varies considerably from year to year from as little as 2300 cases to an average of 5000-6000 cases.

Bin 707 was one of the first straight Cabernet Sauvignon wines on the market.

The first vintage was in 1964 and maintained to 1969, then 707 was reintroduced in 1976 and is made in small volumes.

Bin 707 is the benchmark of the Cabernet Sauvignon style.

St Henri was created in 1957 and fruit character rather than oak is the key to the St Henri style. The fruit is selected for elegance rather than intensity.

St Henri is made from Shiraz, however, depending on the vintage, a percentage of Cabernet Sauvignon is added to the blend to soften the wine.

The first vintage of Bin 389 was in 1960. The percentage of Cabernet Sauvignon is 60 per cent to 70 per cent and the balance is Shiraz.

Bin 389 combines the elegance of Cabernet Sauvignon with the richness of Shiraz. Kilimna Bin 28 is made from the lighter style Shiraz from Kilimna and blended with Shiraz from Magill or Coonawarra to produce a soft, elegant and well developed wine.

Kilimna Bin 28 was first produced in 1962.

Bin 128 is from the classic red wine district of Coonawarra and the first vintage was in 1962.

It is the nature of Coonawarra to produce elegant rather than intensely flavoured wines.

Traditional Koonunga

Koonunga Hill is a red wine made in the traditional Penfolds style but drinks well at a younger age.

The first vintage of Koonunga Hill was in 1976.

The Magill Estate comes from the historic Magill vineyards and is all Shiraz from vines of between 30 and 70 years of age.

The Magill Estate is limited and was first made in 1983.

Penfolds also produced a number of limited wines such as the Bin 60a, Bin 7, Bin 80a and Bin 90a.

Exceptional vintages and winemaking skills are their base.

Those of us fortunate enough to try these wines have seen Australian winemaking at its best.

Our special offer to members this month is the Penfolds range of wines, including the rare Bin 80a and 90a, and a range of Grange from 1972.

We would like to advise members that we have sold our Winnellie store and now operate only at Stuart Park.

Call in and see this excellent range of Penfolds wines.

– Wayne Nicholls

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