



Penfolds

The No System

Penfolds, numbers are part of its DNA with its iconic Bin numbers.

Bin 95

Penfolds most famous Bin is Bin 95, which you may know it better as Penfolds Grange.



This is a wine cellared and drunk by collectors the world over and referred to by some critics as the First Growth equivalent from the Southern Hemisphere. The wine always a multi-regional blend of South Australia's best Shiraz grapes, often with a touch of Cabernet (usually less than 8%). This year's 2011 vintage release was the 61st consecutive vintage of Grange and only the sixth in the winery's history made of 100% Shiraz. The release was marked by Penfolds with a video celebrating the remarkable story of the creation of Grange by Max Schubert.

Bin 28

Following the creation of Grange, Max Schubert's vision was to create 'a dynasty of wines which all had an unmistakable resemblance to each other. The first wine created in the series was Bin 28 Kalimna Shiraz in 1959, a wine initially made while Grange was still being crafted in secrecy. Originally a single vineyard wine, Bin 28 now characterizes Penfolds contemporary winemaking philosophy, with fruit sourced from premium vineyards across several regions, including the Barossa Valley and McLaren Vale.



The Bin Number

The Bin number represents the Batch Identification Number. Bearing no relation to quality or price, the number refers to the area in the cellars where the wines were historically stored.

The Most Collected Bins

There are a number of Bins in the Penfolds portfolio, including Bin 128 (a single region Coonawarra shiraz), Bin 150 (a sub-region Marananga shiraz) and Bin 407 (a South Australian Cabernet blend) to name but a few. But perhaps the most collected Penfolds Bin is 389, which is a South Australian Cabernet-Shiraz blend. In Australia, Wine Ark lists, Bin 389 is the second most cellared wine in Australia (behind Penfolds Grange). The wine is nicknamed 'Baby Grange' because components of the wine are matured in the same barrels that held the previous vintage of Grange.

The recently released 2012 Bin 389 Cabernet-Shiraz was given a suggested drinking window of 2015-2040 by the winemaking team, showing that not only do these wines have terrific aging potential but can also be drunk young with the new world fruit characteristics.

Special Bins

In truly exceptional vintages, Penfolds will release a Penfolds Special Bin. Production of Grange and Bin 707 is always prioritized, but then if a parcel of fruit is available which offers something extra, different and unique, a Special Bin may be produced. Special Bins were first released in the '50s and '60s during this renown period of Penfolds experimentation. The 1962 Bin 60A Coonawarra Cabernet-Kalimna Shiraz is perhaps the most famous Special Bin, once described by Australian journalist James Halliday as "the greatest red wine ever made." Recent examples include 2004 Block 42 Cabernet Sauvignon and 2008 Coonawarra Cabernet-Shiraz. The wines are extremely rare, reflecting the meticulous standards and expectations of the winemaking team.