

# Cellar Reserve Grenache Shiraz Mataro

2023

## OVERVIEW

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Penfolds Cellar Reserve wines are alternative, limited release wines that explore the innovative boundaries of viticulture, vinification and style. Penfolds Cellar Reserve Grenache Shiraz Mataro is sourced from across South Australia, including McLaren Vale, where the maritime climate is perfect for ripening these three varieties. An approachable, fruit driven wine style that is versatile with food.

## GRAPE VARIETY

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Grenache 61% Shiraz 29% Mataro 10%

## VINEYARD REGION

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South Australia

## WINE ANALYSES

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Alc/Vol: 14.5%, Acidity: 6.4 g/L, pH: 3.60

## MATURATION

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Matured in seasoned French and American oak hogsheads for seven months

## COLOUR

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Bright red, blood plum, glossy

## PEAK DRINKING

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## NOSE

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Three varieties dancing 'pas de trois', perfectly integrated and performing in mesmerizing synchronicity. Baking spice, white pepper and Chinese five spices enchant the senses. Sweet notes of rhubarb tart, strawberries, pomegranate, and berry compote provide mouthwatering allure. On the savoury spectrum lurk enticing aromas of Peking Duck with a hint of orange zest.

## PALATE

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The palate is generous with plenty of volume yet displays great focus and balance. Sweet flavours of rhubarb, strawberry, and raspberry are complimented by a suggestion of toasted brioche. The gorgeous fruits are complimented by white pepper spice and quartz like mineral acidity. Tannins are rounded and fine, ensuring all the elements stay in formation

## VINTAGE CONDITIONS

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Winter rainfall was slightly above average, providing a solid foundation for spring budburst. October and November were significantly wetter and cooler than average with isolated hail. This did affect flowering and resulted in a reduced yield. Summer was closer to long term average for both rainfall and temperature. The growing season was slow and steady, at least a week later than average, culminating in a late harvest beginning well into March tracking into early May.

## LAST TASTED

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July, 2024

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