

# BIN 149

## CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2021

Penfolds Bin 149 Cabernet Sauvignon seeks out Northern Hemisphere excellence via meticulous vineyard and block selection, reinforced by flagship-worthy South Australian Cabernet Sauvignon. The result is distinctive, and of distinction. Bin 149's name is derived from the percentage of South Australian Cabernet Sauvignon that was synergistically woven into the inaugural 2018 release. Napa Valley regional sourcing seeks to showcase strong tannic foundations, dark fruit intensity but with the added dimension of a unique "worldly" disposition. Matured in French and American oak, this release highlights Penfolds commitment to quality and winemaking approach.

### GRAPE VARIETY

91% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Cabernet Franc

### VINEYARD REGION

Napa Valley, South Australia

### WINE ANALYSIS

Alc/Vol: 14.5%, Acidity: 8.3 g/L, pH: 3.55

### MATURATION

16 months in French oak (72% new) and American oak (16% new) barriques

### VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The 2021 Napa Valley vintage stands out for its exceptional quality, with some of the finest fruit harvested in years. The season was ushered in with beneficial early winter rains that established a foundation for grapevine growth. These rains were followed by a notably dry period, creating optimal conditions for vine development. Budbreak commenced in early April, leading to an ideal flowering and bloom in May. As summer unfolded, the vines benefited from a pattern of early and consistent ripening, with veraison marking the onset of grape maturation in early July. Although yields were on the lower side — partly a consequence of drought conditions — the resulting fruit was concentrated with intense flavours and smaller berries. The season's moderate temperatures played a pivotal role, fostering an extended and uniform ripening process. Our winemakers exercised patience, carefully timing the harvest to ensure peak maturity. This deliberate approach has culminated in wines that are not only vibrant and richly hued but also boast remarkable aromatic depth and robust structure. The vintage promises an extraordinary sensory experience, characterised by wines that are as opulent as they are fruit-forward.

### COLOUR

Dark purple, black core.

### NOSE

Immediately captivating and expressive; an opulent and stylistically perfumed bouquet that exudes sophistication. A complex tapestry of black fruits unravels, revealing layers of blackberry conserve interwoven with inkwell minerality. Undertones of ferrous metal lend an earthy gravitas, while charred notes of roasted peppers and bresaola add depth and savoriness. The medley is accentuated by the subtle brininess of kalamata olives and nuanced by the freshness of green coffee beans. Hints of mulberry leaves complete this aromatic profile, showcasing its multifaceted nature.

### PALATE

Upon tasting, the palate unfolds with a burst of blueberry freshness, balanced by an undercurrent of Sarsaparilla and baking spice. A procession of cherries dipped in dark chocolate parades across the palate, escorted by the rich intensity of mulberries/blackberry coulis. The savoury flavours emerge through radicchio lettuce, adding an intriguing bitter edge that contrasts beautifully with the sweetness above. Layers continue to unfold as danish pastries and panforte integrate with sundried tomato pastry.

### PEAK DRINKING

Now – 2049

### LAST TASTED

April 2024