



THE CALIFORNIA COLLECTION 2021

TASTING NOTES



2018 BIN 149 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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. *House Style* is in the building blocks of Bin 149, a name derived from the percentage of South Australian cabernet sauvignon synergistically woven into the blend. 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.

NOSE

In order of appearance, yet not necessarily a measure of concentration: iced tea (the *sweetness*), caperberries (the *savoury*) and French polish (the *Penfolds*). Opulence is facilitated via heady barrel ferment characters and brazen Penfolds markers ... mocha and kirsch. Aromas are focused, tapering to a precise point and include mentions of grated ginger, cola, green olive, caraway seeds and a richness that is reminiscent of Bordelaise sauce.

PALATE

Classically Penfolds in character, yet altogether different in structure. Fine, close-knit tannins awaken the palate and a menthol lift surprises. Varietally-correct flavours are framed by typical oak offerings: cedar, sandalwood and roasted meats. Alcohol is firmly anchored within the matrix, unobtrusive and in proportion. Acidity is bright, offers plentiful energy and is undoubtedly responsible for the succulence and sustained finish.

COLOUR

Bright deep red.



GRAPE VARIETY

Cabernet Sauvignon



VINEYARD REGION

Napa Valley
South Australia



WINE ANALYSIS

Alc/Vol: 14.5%
Acidity: 7.32 g/L
pH: 3.66



MATURATION

16 months in French
oak (80% new) and
American oak (20% new)



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