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PENFOLDS GRANGE SHIRAZ 2020

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Product Code:	6182	Closure:	Cork
Country:	Australia	Unit:	Each
Region:	South Australia	Volume:	750ml
Style:	Red	Alcohol:	14.5%
Variety:	Syrah / Shiraz	Grape:	97% Shiraz, 3% Cabernet Sauvignon



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TASTING NOTES

Winery notes (2020 Vintage)

"The most powerful expression of Penfolds multi-vineyard, multi-district blending philosophy, Grange is arguably Australia's most celebrated wine and is officially listed as a Heritage Icon of South Australia. Crafted utilising fully ripe, intensely flavoured and structured Shiraz grapes, the result is a unique Australian style that is now recognised as one of the most consistent of the world's great wines. With an unbroken line of vintages from the experimental 1951, Grange clearly demonstrates the synergy between Shiraz and the soils and climates of South Australia.

An instant proclamation of identity — formics and barrel-ferment notes propelling Shiraz spoils. Whilst these Shiraz markers highlight heady elutions of aniseed/licuorice/wintergreen/fennel, primal aromatics of squashed damson plum do prevail. And beneath, wafts of pan scrapings/pan juices support all that is entwined above. 100% new oak is all but totally absorbed, yet it does conspire to complex, weave and intrigue. In this aromatic tussle, fruit remains the champion. Not unlike 'Champagne character', 'Grange character' aromatically "just is". Immediately understood, immediately recognised.

The first sip seduces, the second reminds... Up front red fruits and maraschino cherry flavours quickly transition to the 'Noir-ish' — Black Forest cake, blackberry, black cherry, black ... Sitting softens. A Christmas pudding mix of soaked fruits and rind offers a friendly hand. Similarly talc-like/velvety tannins are non-aggressive, politely acting as a conveyance. They almost appear coupled with cocoa/dark chocolate dust. Texturally woven, with all components well integrated and absorbed... inducing a sensory perception of roundness, of a lush film coated across the palate. Again, oak (sandalwood nuances, not cedar) sensitively stands to one side — its supporting role well scripted. Assured and distinctive, this Grange will appease and

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reward."

98/100 Andrew Caillard MW (2020 Vintage)

"The classical and beautiful 2020 Grange, with its abundant dark berry fruits, massive concentration, oak maturation characters and well-integrated chocolatey tannins. possesses the detail and hallmarks of a First Growth Australian red. It has all the cadence and balance for long term aging. In years to come, it may be seen as one of the great vintages."

98/100 Jeni Port, WinePilot.com (2020 Vintage)

"An interesting wine given the fact that there was no Bin 707 or Bin 169 – both cabernets - made in 2020. Clearly, shiraz figured better across South Australia in that heat wave year in which the Barossa recorded its driest year on record. The Barossa Valley joins McLaren Vale and the Clare Valley in the 2020 Grange, which is 97% shiraz with a 3% smidge of cabernet. It saw 20 months in new American hogsheads. A warm-hearted Grange to be sure, rich and full of drive as might be expected, but with the warmth of 2020 comes some lovely, gentle aromatics which brings that touch of finesse. You could say 2020 is more opulent and slightly less muscular for Grange. Deep aromas of ripe dark, blue berries with plum cake, spice, dark chocolate, sweet oak spice, dried orange peel and mahogany with attractive, lifted star anise, sage, bay leaf. Combines the basic mechanics of plush, velvety tannins and vanillin, warm oak support, but the palate explores further the depth of some gorgeous fruits and spice, textures, layers and budding complexity. It's all ready to go and will keep building over the years ahead. Maybe not a classic Grange, but one not to be under-estimated."

97/100 Tyson Stelzer (2019 Vintage)

"McLaren Vale assumes the lead over the Barossa in the warm and dry 2020 season, creating a Grange of larger-than-life proportions. The depth and concentration of blackberry, blueberry and satsuma plum on display is unique to Grange, carrying all the complexity of coal steam and fresh liquorice, set to the high cocoa dark chocolate and char presence of new American oak. The gravitas of cascading classification of Penfolds sourcing is declared in a fruit integrity and definition upheld even in such a warm and dry season, a feat that this house achieves today with greater confidence than it did in decades past. This is a show-stopping Grange of impact and muscle."

97/100 Campbell Mattinson, The Wine Front, July 2024 (2020 Vintage)

"Mint and crushed ants up front. Saturated plums, meat, woodsmoke, more ants, more crushed woody spices, a rusty seaweed character in among the vanilla and cedar. The tannin is a broad, powerful, commanding brush, full throttle, fully integrated. It's not a heralded vintage necessarily but it turns out to have been a good thing; it's not a show pony, it's not a wall of sound, it's Grange being Grange, authoritative, settled, the ants served crushed, the fruit deep. This release of Penfolds Grange feels true to itself; and as a result it's seriously good."

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