

Bin 707 is a Cabernet Sauvignon reflection of Grange—intensely-flavoured fruit; completion of fermentation and maturation in new oak; expressing a Penfolds understanding of multi-vineyard, multi-region fruit sourcing.

Bin 707 was first vintaged in 1964. The wine was not made from 1970 to 1975 when fruit was directed to other wines, nor in 1981, 1995, 2000, 2003 or 2011 (when fruit of the required style and quality was not available). Full bodied and with proven cellaring potential, Bin 707 retains a secure place among the ranks of Australia's finest Cabernets.

REWARDS OF PATIENCE SEVENTH EDITION – TASTING NOTES

BIN 707 1964 - 2010

1964 BIN 707 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Medium-deep tawny brick red. Beautiful panforte, sage, mint, praline, sandalwood aromas with some primary black fruits, cassis notes. Well-concentrated, mature sweet fruit, panforte, sage, superb mature dark chocolate, blackberry fruit, briny, liquorice flavours with lovely mid-palate richness and underlying hints of malt and vanilla. Fine loose-knit, chalky, touch bitter tannins and a lovely tail of sweet fruit. Very complex and evolved with superb volume and persistency. A remarkable old wine that should hold for some years.

100% Block 42 Cabernet Sauvignon.

Drinking Window: Now



Medium-deep brick red. Fresh sea breezy, mint, cherry, cedar aromas. Some mocha notes with touch of sweet fruit. Fresh-ground coffee, cedar, dark chocolate, red cherry flavours with lacy, bitter, dry tannins and marked acidity. Finishes long and savoury with minerally notes. Starting to fade but still enjoyable.

Drinking Window: Now ••• Past

1966 BIN 707 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Deep crimson to brick red. Classic cassis, roasted chestnut, leafy, green pea, asparagus aromas. Fresh and intense but quite soupy. Delicious, roasted chestnut, praline flavours and fine, loose-knit, chocolatey tannins. Finishes long and sweet with bitter tea leaf, sage notes. Lovely mid-palate buoyancy and richness. Drinking superbly now.

Drinking Window: Now

1967 BIN 707 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Medium brick red. Fresh, intense, minerally, earthy, spicy aromas with some dark chocolate notes. Well concentrated and elegantly structured wine with praline, spice, mocha, vanilla, earthy flavours, fine cedary tannins and underlying savoury notes. Finishes bittersweet. The fruit is beginning to fade.

Drinking Window: Now ••• Past

1968 BIN 707 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Medium-deep brick red/brown. Beautiful dark cherry, tarry, cedar, tobacco aromas with sweet fruit notes. Sinewy dry, long tannins and dark cherry, tarry, tobacco flavours. Still has plenty of chalky substance. Herb-like, chalky finish. Still minerally and fresh. Surprisingly fresh and balanced. Many bottles have faded. Drink up.

Drinking Window: Now ••• Past



Brick red. The wine is leathery, dry and skeletal. Most bottles presented at the Wine Clinics are past.

Drinking Window: Past

1976 BIN 707 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Deep brick red. Intense dark cherry, cassis, vanilla, malt aromas with herb, liquorice notes. Lovely rich dark cherry, blackcurrant, coffee, mocha, liquorice fruit with fine velvety structure and underlying malty notes. Finishes fine-grained and fruit-sweet with a long tannin plume. Mature and complex with plenty of power, substance and generosity. Should continue to develop.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2025

1977 BIN 707 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Medium red brick. Espresso, mint, cassis aromas with dark chocolate, brambly notes. Wellconcentrated and buoyant dark chocolate, espresso, mineral flavours with some minty notes and chalky dense tannins. Builds up quite muscular, bitter-sweet at the finish. At its peak of development, but should hold.

Drinking Window: Now

1978 BIN 707 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Medium-deep brick red. Lovely dark berry, roasted nut, praline, herb garden aromas. Gorgeously seductive, beautifully balanced wine with cassis, blackcurrant, plummy, roasted chestnut flavours, fine chocolatey sweet tannins and underlying malty oak. Finishes chalky dry, long and minerally. A delicious wine.

Drinking Window: Now



Medium-deep brick red. Intense blackcurrant, malty, cedar aromas with sage, mint, leafy notes. The palate is well balanced with cassis, dried fruit, sage flavours, underlying flinty, smoky notes and chalky dry tannins. Builds up al dente, leafy at the finish, but long and tangy. Drinking Window: Now ••• Past

1980 BIN 707 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Deep brick red. Spicy cassis, dark chocolate, sage, leather aromas with mocha, malt, oak nuances. A tough unyielding wine with cassis, espresso, leather, earthy, tarry flavours and firm chewy tannins. Finishes minerally and lean with fruit fading away. A sweet and savoury style with a strong muscular structure. Doubtful it will improve, but who is to know?

Drinking Window: Now

1982 BIN 707 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Medium-deep brick red. Highly perfumed, cassis, boot polish, leather/spice aromas with some plummy notes. Luscious plum, cassis, red cherry, roasted chestnut flavours, fine plentiful lacy, al dente tannins and underlying new vanilla oak. A really well-balanced wine with superb fruit complexity, richness, length and volume. A highlight of the tasting.

Drinking Window: Now

1983 BIN 707 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Medium-deep brick red. Intense fragrant redcurrant, dark chocolate, eucalypt, sweet fruit aromas. Concentrated, almost soupy thick, redcurrant, cedar, dark chocolate, dark fruit flavours with plentiful graphite/muscular strong tannins and underlying savoury nuances. Finishes cedary and long with a tannin plume. 11.2% alcohol – picked early to avoid extreme heat. A tough, astringent wine.

Drinking Window: Now



Medium-deep brick red. Ripe blackberry, dried plum, herb aromas with tobacco notes. Well-balanced and velvety smooth with sustained dark berry, plum, vanilla, malt, smoky flavours, loose-knit chalky tannins and plenty of savoury oak. Finishes minerally, spicy and long. Drinking really well.

Drinking Window: Now

1985 BIN 707 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Medium-deep garnet to brick red. Intense violet, cherry, cedar, praline aromas with 'Chinese medicine shop', sous bois notes. Lovely buoyant wine with bitter chocolate, dark berry, sage, dried leaf flavours, fine looseknit, chalky tannins and underlying savoury oak. Finishes cedary and earthy.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2018

1986 BIN 707 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Medium-deep brick red. Ripe blackcurrant, cedar/malty aromas with some dark chocolate notes. Beautifully complex with blackcurrant, malty, vanilla, sage flavours, fine-grained cedar tannins and superbly integrated, meaty, malt oak notes. Finishes long and sweet with a lacy tannin plume. A great Bin 707 with amazing fruit power, complexity and balance.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2028

1987 BIN 707 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Medium-deep brick red. Dark chocolate, redcurrant aromas with some minty, eucalypt, earthy wood-floor notes. Very savoury, earthy style with eucalypt, mint, sage flavours and fine-grained/sinewy tannins. Finishes al dente with leafy notes. Evolving quickly but has good depth and concentration. An Adelaide Wine Show trophy-winning wine. Drink up.

Drinking Window: Now



Medium-deep brick red. Lovely fresh ripe blackcurrant, dark cherry, boysenberry, malty aromas with some cedar notes. Fresh, sinuous and generous with plenty of blackcurrant, dark cherry fruit, underlying vanilla, savoury oak and fine, plentiful, chalky, almost chocolatey, tannins. Lovely weight and balance. Although not regarded as a classic, this has developed really well. Will continue to hold.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2025

1989 BIN 707 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Medium-deep brick red. Fragrant herb garden, raisin, mocha, liquorice aromas with sour cherry/tomato leaf notes. Sweet plum, raisin, sour cherry, herb flavours, muscular tannins and underlying savoury, malty oak. Finishes chalky, firm, sweet and sour. A solid wine with good extract and concentration, but best to drink soon.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2016

1990 BIN 707 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Medium-deep crimson. Intense dark berry liquorice, roasted chestnut aromas with a touch of sage and praline. The palate is beautifully balanced, complex and buoyant with generous deep-set blackberry, cassis, praline, liquorice flavours, bitter chocolatey tannins and underlying vanilla, nutty oak. Finishes chalky firm and tight with lovely mineral acidity. Fresh and harmonious wine with power and substance.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2030



Medium-deep crimson to purple. Intense dark cherry, bitter chocolate, blackcurrant aromas. Concentrated and stylish with rich complex dark cherry, plum, bitter chocolate, roasted coffee flavours, fine loose-knit, slinky tannins and underlying malt oak. Finishes walnutty dry but long and sweet. A classic Bin 707.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2025

1992 BIN 707 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Medium-deep crimson. Developed earthy, cassis, red cherry aromas with mint/herb/walnut notes. The palate is muscular and dense with sappy blackcurrant, walnut, earthy flavours and fine gravelly tannins. Finishes leafy firm. A very tannic and unyielding wine.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2018

1993 BIN 707 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Medium-deep crimson. Dark chocolate, sage, silage, mocha, berry aromas with musty notes. The wine is soupy and herbal with dark chocolate, cedar, mocha flavours and robust, astringent stemmy tannins. It's powerful and concentrated but the elements are not resolved. Will keep but it probably won't improve.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2015



Medium-deep crimson. Intensely fresh blackberry, aniseed, spicy, frankincense, mint aromas. Well-balanced, generous and voluminous wine with sweet blackcurrant, graphite, cedar flavours, fine chocolatey dry tannins, underlying espresso notes and chalky al dente finish. Lovely richness and savoury persistence. Drinking well now, although will further improve with age.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2025

1996 BIN 707 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Medium-deep crimson. Classic crème de cassis, praline, mocha aromas with some herb garden notes. Beautifully balanced wine with deep-set cassis, dark chocolate, herb garden flavours, fine plentiful silky tannins and new vanilla, malt oak. Some brambly, roasted earth notes. Finishes cedary firm and long. A richly concentrated wine with superb definition, vigour and complexity.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2030

1998 BIN 707 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Medium-deep crimson. Ethereal and intense blackcurrant, mocha, vanilla, mint, sage aromas. Beautifully concentrated, rich and voluminous with smooth cassis, praline flavours, fine plentiful chocolatey tannins and underlying malty, roasted chestnut notes. Finishes velvety smooth. Superb fruit sweetness, vinosity and freshness. A powerful Bin 707 with the balance, richness and stuffing to age into its forties!

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2040



Medium-deep crimson. Violet, red cherry, blackcurrant, dark chocolate, malty, roasted chestnut aromas with some herb notes. Classically proportioned claret style with beautiful crème de cassis, praline flavours, underlying savoury, roasted walnut complexity, fine lacy, al dente tannins and mocha oak notes. Finishes firm and sweet. Delicious!

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2020

2001 BIN 707 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Medium-deep crimson. Fragrant dark berry, praline, mocha aromas with a touch of mint, star anise. Rich and solid with upfront blackberry, dark cherry, redcurrant flavours, strong muscular firm tannins and spicy vanilla oak nuances. Finishes bitter-sweet, chocolatey and minerally. A hugely concentrated wine with substantial fruit and tannin power; 'a dark horse'.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2020

2002 BIN 707 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Medium-deep crimson to purple. Ethereal and complex blackberry, roasted chestnut, praline, spice aromas with herb, mint notes. Richly concentrated, classically proportioned, smooth and generous with red cherry, redcurrant, dark chocolate flavours, all integrated perfectly with fine-grained polished tannins and toasty, roasted chestnut oak. Finishes firm with sweet buoyant fruit and a tail of savoury tannins. A sensational vintage.

Drinking Window: Now ••• 2040



Deep crimson purple. Intensely fresh blackberry, dark chocolate, liquorice aromas with mocha, vanilla notes. Beautifully balanced, generous and luxuriant with sustained blackcurrant pastille, liquorice, toasted almond, panforte flavours, dense chocolatey sweet tannins and mocha/malty new oak. Finishes long and sweet with a slick of savoury tannins. An incredibly opulent wine with wonderful structure and harmony. A great Penfolds year! Best to keep for a while.

Drinking Window: 2016 ••• 2040

2005 BIN 707 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Deep crimson purple. Intense crème de cassis, blueberry, vanilla, malt aromas. Plush and richly concentrated with deep-set cassis, blueberry flavours, gravelly tannins and plenty of mocha, malty new oak. Finishes leafy/ grippy firm. Still elemental with luscious young Cabernet fruit, superb density and power.

Drinking Window: 2018 ••• 2035

2006 BIN 707 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Deep crimson purple. Fragrant, intense plum, liquorice, dark chocolate, cedar aromas with touch of leaf/herb garden. Gorgeously seductive wine with plum, dark chocolate, violet, graphite flavours. Slightly muscular, fine-grain tannins. Finishes chalky firm yet long and sweet. Delicious! Barossa Valley, Coonawarra, Adelaide Hills.

Drinking Window: 2018 ••• 2040



Deep inky purple. Intense blackberry, redcurrant, red cherry, malty aromas with herb, mint, aniseed notes. Concentrated and lush with deep-set cassis, redcurrant, herb flavours, plenty of sweet fruit notes, chocolatey, leafy tannins and luxuriant spicy/malty new American oak. Finishes chewy firm, long and flavourful. Substantial and muscular wine with superb fruit density and tannin richness. Padthaway, Barossa Valley, Coonawarra.

Drinking Window: 2016 ••• 2040

2008 BIN 707 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Deep crimson purple. Intense violet, inky, cassis, plum, espresso aromas with vanilla/mocha notes. Very approachable, plush and vivacious with dense, ripe, juicy blackcurrant, mulberry, aniseed flavours, ripe chocolatey tannins and beautifully balanced vanilla/mocha oak. Superb flavour length. Immensely concentrated, gorgeously seductive wine with remarkable balance, generosity and power. Will live on and develop for decades. A great Penfolds vintage! Coonawarra, Barossa Valley, Wrattonbully, Padthaway.

Drinking Window: 2020 ••• 2045

2009 BIN 707 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Deep inky purple. Elemental with musky, elderberry, black fruit, plum, aniseed aromas and vanilla, savoury oak notes. Richly concentrated, juicy and powerful with lashings of ripe blackcurrant, musky, dark cherry fruit, ample fine-grained 'caressing' tannins and fresh mocha, malty new oak. Finishes sappy firm, bitter-sweet and long. A massive wine which has yet to show its true colours. Barossa Valley, Padthaway, Coonawarra.

Drinking Window: 2020 ••• 2045



Deep purple. Intense crème de cassis, blackberry, plum, malt, toasted oak aromas. Dense and elemental with exuberant dark cherry, bitter chocolate, elderberry, aniseed flavours, fine ripe chocolatey tannins and plenty of new vanilla, toasty oak. A ripe juicy finish with a plume of savoury tannins. Amazingly solid and concentrated yet luxuriant and balanced. A great vintage, possibly the greatest so far? Barossa Valley, Padthaway, Coonawarra, Wrattonbully, Adelaide Hills.

Drinking Window: 2020 ••• 2050

