

FISHPAWS' WINE OF THE WEEK

June 18-24, 2018



Iconic Wine! Lowest Price in the U.S.!!

2015 Penfolds "Bin 389" Cabernet-Shiraz South Australia

First made in 1960, and for a long time called "baby Grange," as it was matured in once-used Penfolds Grange Hermitage barrels, but no longer. It's seriously good, its palate of black fruits, licorice, oak and earth held tight by tannins as only Penfolds can make. Deep, dark magenta. A first impression of dark fruits and chocolate, splashed by spices (cinnamon, vanilla pod). Then a transient umami dabble of smoked Barossa bacon, followed by whiffs of toasted brioche. Young and evolving with waves of black fruits and spices wrapped in succulent tannins. Mouth-coating in every sense. Long and lingering.

97 points James Halliday - "Matured for 12 months in American hogsheads (32% new). Unapologetically made with the don't fix it if it isn't broken aphorism. It is tightly structured, with faultless attention to detail - wheels within wheels stuff, but inexorable in sending its black fruits (blackberry, blackcurrant) flavour message. Despite its full body, and its far-reaching longevity, it's tailor-made for the saltbush lamb shoulder of tonight's dinner. *Special Value Selection*"

96 points James Suckling - "Cabernet just has the upper hand in the blend at 53%; this continues as a rising star in the Penfolds family of reds, showing a very attractive fusion of Cabernet and Shiraz. Cassis, blackberry, red plums and red currant fruits, the palate isn't overplayed in terms of weight or extract, but it's very complete and nicely rendered. Best from 2020-2030+."

93 points Robert Parker's Wine Advocate - "Blended of 53% Cabernet Sauvignon and 47% Shiraz and sporting a deep garnet-purple color, the 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon/Shiraz Bin 389 South Australia has a bombastic nose of crushed blueberries and black currants with hints of vanilla pod, dried Provence herbs, lavender and cigar boxes. Medium to full-bodied, the palate simply sings with exuberant black and blue fruits, supported by grainy tannins and a refreshing backbone, finishing with a pleasant herbal lift."

92 points Wine Spectator - "A lip-smacking mix of vibrant berry and cherry flavors that give way to green tea, toasted herb and cedar notes. Finds plenty of harmony on the finish, with the juicy acidity blending in with the dense, chewy tannins."

List Price \$74.99

Fishpaws W.O.W. Price: \$39.99/bottle

