



Special Whites From Penfold's

In 1992 the Penfold's winemaking team was given a brief to develop the ultimate Australian white wine (the white "Grange"). Penfold's 1995 Adelaide Hills Chardonnay and 1995 Adelaide Hills Semillon was the first commercial release under their white wine development program and was launched alongside the 1992 Grange.

Penfold's chief winemaker stated that one of the most important outcomes of the program has been the clear realisation that the Adelaide Hills may well emerge as Australia's number one region for chardonnay and possibly even semillon. **Penfold's Adelaide Hills Chardonnay 1996 and Penfold's Adelaide Hills Semillon 1996**

The complex, full-bodied wines are the second chardonnay and the second semillon release to be made by Penfold's from premium Adelaide Hills fruit. Although labelled as a "trial bin", the wines will now be a regular release. The picturesque Adelaide Hills region, at an altitude of more than 400 meters is rapidly emerging as one of Australia's premium viticultural areas. The cool, slow-ripening climate and low yielding soils of this region make it ideal for the production of quality white wine grapes.

1996 was an outstanding late-ripening year in the Adelaide Hills. Warm days and cool nights throughout the growing season, low yields and no rain during the harvest ensured ripe, intensely flavoured grapes.

Both wines were barrel fermented in new and one year old French oak

barriques. The chardonnay was matured for 10 months on lees and the semillon for 5 months prior to bottling.

Winemaker's Comments

Colour: Both wines are pale straw with brilliant green hues.

Palate: Chardonnay - the wine finishes soft and clean in the mouth for several minutes after swallowing. Semillon - full-flavoured, exhibits great finesse and finishes clean and citrusy.

The quality of both wines reflects the exceptional 1996 vintage in the Adelaide Hills.

Penfold's Reserve Bin 94A

Chardonnay

This special wine was also created as a result of Penfold's white wine development program. From time to time Penfold's will release limited quantities of one-off white wines under the Reserve Bin label. The 1994 Penfold's Bin 94A shows all the attributes of a great wine and is the first to be released under the new Reserve Bin label.

The Bin 94A Chardonnay is a blend of material from the Adelaide Hills (52%), Eden Valley (24%), Tumbarumba NSW (21%) and Macedon Victoria (3%). Ten per cent of the Tumbarumba component is sauvignon blanc which contributes to the wine's fine, tight structure.

Penfold's chief winemaker, John Duval, states, "Not all experiments work, but there is no doubt about this one... it's one of the best chardonnays we've ever made. Only time will tell how good it is."

The three wines are available now in very limited quantities.

Copyright Law Review

The Copyright Law Review Committee is seeking information or comment regarding miscellaneous exceptions to the exclusive rights of copyright owners contained in the *Copyright Act 1968*.

In particular, the Committee is interested in obtaining information regarding the use of, or reliance placed on these provisions in practice. Example of reliance placed on specific provision would be of particular interest and the Committee is also keen to learn whether any industry or business practices have developed around these exceptions.

Practitioners wishing to comment or provide information on the above should contact the Law Society for further information.

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invite members to contact us if they wish to comment or be involved in the subcommittee. Contact Robin on tel 8941 9952.

Mandatory sentencing

NTWLA held a discussion group on mandatory sentencing on Monday 17 November. It is hoped that the Association will be in a position to give news of this discussion in the next issue.

NTWLA

The Association looks forward to a busy year in 1998. In addition to access to information and mandatory sentencing, the Association will be looking at inter alia, the Health Complaints conciliation process and the right to silence. New members are welcome and should contact Barbara Tiffin on tel 8999 6742.

Current committee members are: Merran Short, Tracy Reeves, Barbara Tiffin, Sally Gearin, Samantha Miles, Robin Dyall, Melanie Little, Kate Halliday and Nardine Davidson, who has been co-opted from Alice Springs.