

Penfolds x Dourthe Bordeaux launch new French wine



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Defined by the tagline: one collection, two hemispheres, for the first time in [Penfolds](#) history, its annual Collection release in August 2022 will comprise three origins – Australian, Californian and the inaugural French release – showcasing Penfolds enduring “House Style.” The style allows the exploration of viticultural regions across Australia and the world, with a global approach to winemaking.

According to the company, Penfolds II has re-ignited its “love affair” with France, where its first Chief Winemaker Max Schubert was inspired to create Grange. The new release is led by a wine made in partnership with one of Bordeaux’s most respected winemaking Houses, [Dourthe Bordeaux](#). Hosted by [Treasury Wine Estates](#), Penfolds II was unveiled at a press event in Bordeaux last month.

Combining the vision of Penfolds Chief Winemaker, Peter Gago, and Dourthe Chief Winemaker, Frédéric Bonnaffous, the two Houses collaborated to craft a wine that spans Northern and Southern Hemispheres, blending grapes from Bordeaux and South Australia. Made from the 2019 vintage, the final wine was blended and bottled in South Australia by Penfolds winemakers.



Dourthe Bordeaux Winery in Bourdeaux, France

“This is the start of our French winemaking journey. Our main objective? To remain true to the winemaking ethos of both wineries, to deliver the best blend possible, to ideally make Bordeaux and South Australia proud,” says Gago.

“To push the boundaries and craft such a blend was an unexpected and utterly fascinating concept. Collaborating and cultivating firm friendships with the Penfolds winemaking team in blending such an exceptional wine was a dream come true,” adds Patrick Jestin, CEO, Dourthe.

The Penfolds Collection 2022 wines will be available from August 4 at Penfolds Cellar Doors in Australia and select fine wine stores globally.