

PENLEY ESTATE

2001 HYLAND SHIRAZ TASTING NOTES

Release: February 2003
Variety: Shiraz
Area: Coonawarra
Analysis: 13.5% Alcohol, 6.2 g/l Acid, pH 3.44
Country: Australia
Objective: To create a youthful, rich and mellow wine. Created to drink now. A wine of varietal fruits but only the hint of American oak. Oak will add complexity to the flavours and enhance the fruit. This wine must show area characteristics, varietal fruit and have plenty of flavour.

Vintage Comment:

A warm spring lead to a perfect fruit set. Despite above average January temperatures and some ill-timed March rain, optimum ripeness was still achieved through a warm and mild dry April harvest period.

The Wine: The colour is crimson, but will develop some amber tints from its oak maturation and later bottle age. The aroma is varietal with a complex of berry ripeness with huge intensity reflecting the vintage conditions. Strong lifted aromas of variety and oak. The flavour is rich and fruity. A soft and rich middle palate with oak tannin on the finish to balance the fruit flavours. The 2001 is a medium to full style but does show a lot more fruit and body weight on the palate than earlier vintages.

Maturation: The oak is minimal but discernible, so the small amount of wood tannin and fruit flavours will aid maturation if required. Best enjoyed for the next 1-5 years. Penley wines must have the ability for some bottle age, since there is sometimes 1-2 years between bottling and actual drinking.

Penley's Winemaking Style:

Balance is a key feature in all Penley Wines, ensuring successful bottle maturation. This wine shows dominance of fruit with hints of smoky oak and grape tannin. A wine made to enjoy while the young, distinct but elegant, Coonawarra Shiraz characters are evident. Characters of ripe berry and hints of pepper. Aged in 40% new American Oak and 60% second year French Oak Hogsheads for 18 months.

Awards: Awards are now generally given to wines already bottled and labelled. Hence any awards are more likely in the year of sale.

🏆 Gold	2003 Hong Kong International Wine Challenge
🏆 Gold	2003 Pacific Rim International Wine Competition
🏆 Silver	2003 International Wine & Spirit Competition
🏆 Silver	2003 Dallas Morning News Wine Competition
🏆 Silver	Class 367 2003 Riverside International Wine Competition
🏆 Bronze	Class 33 2003 Royal Melbourne Wine Show
🏆 Bronze	Class 8 2003 Cairns Wine Show
🏆 Bronze	Class 57 2003 Sydney Royal Wine Show
🏆 Bronze	Class 58 2002 Hotel Grand Chancellor Royal Hobart Wine Show
🏆 Bronze	Class 47 2002 National Wine Show of Australia
★★★★★	Penguin Good Australian Wine Guide "A brilliant Shiraz"

Total Awards Since First Release (1990): 1 Trophy, 1 Trophy Nomination, 5 Gold, 17 Silver, 54 Bronze, 1 Certificate of Excellence, 4 Commendations, 1 Highly Commended.