

PENLEY ESTATE

2004 HYLAND SHIRAZ TASTING NOTES

Release: February 2006
Variety: Shiraz
Area: Coonawarra
Analysis: 14.5% Alcohol, 6.19 g/l Acid, pH 3.45
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: Winter rains and spring temperatures were average and resulted in a late budburst, followed by warm conditions that produced ideal flowering. Very cool but dry January delayed veraison and a wet March delayed completion of harvest well into May, however this long cool maturation produced intense flavours, aromatics and colours.

The Wine: The colour is deep purple with a strong ruby red hue. The aroma is varietal with a complex of berry ripeness with huge intensity reflecting the vintage conditions. Strong lifted aromas of ripe berry and spice, with complex savoury elements and some smoky oak. The flavour is rich and strong ripe berries dominate. A soft and rich middle palate with silky oak tannin on the finish to balance the fruit flavours. The 2004 is a medium bodied style wine, elegant with a solid structure.

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 29% new American Oak and 8% new French Oak, 63% 1, 2 and 3 year old American and French oak barrels.

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

Trophy	Class 7	2006 Sydney Royal Wine Show
🏆 Gold	Class 7	2006 Sydney Royal Wine Show
🏆 Silver		2006 San Francisco Wine Competition
🏆 Silver		2006 Royal Melbourne Wine Show
🏆 Bronze	Class 58	2006 Royal Hobart Wine Show
🏆 Bronze		2006 Great Shiraz Challenge
🏆 Bronze		2006 Royal Adelaide Wine Show
🏆 Bronze	Class 35	2006 Perth Royal Wine Show
🏆 Bronze		2006 International Wine Challenge
🏆 Bronze		2006 Cairns Wine Show
🏆 Bronze	Class 11	2005 Limestone Coast Wine Show
95 Points		James Hallidays Wine Companion 2007
91 Points		Robert Parker Jan 07 " <i>Sensational Richness and Purity</i> "
90 Points		Tanzers International Wine Cellar July 06 " <i>Suave and sexy . . . lush berry flavours and impressively concentrated</i> "
90 Points		Courier Mail June 2006 " <i>A finely crafted effort</i> " Ken Gargett
90 Points		Gourmet Traveller Wine April 2006 " <i>Coonawarra Elegance and flavour aplenty</i> "
★★★★★		Herald Sun " <i>An Excellent example of Coonawarra Shiraz</i> " Paddy Kendler
★★★★½		The Age – Epicure " <i>Excellent texture and fine structure</i> " August 2006 Ralph Kyte-Powell
TOP 100		Matthew Jukes Top 100 Australian Wines

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Gourmet Traveller's Top 10 Cellaring Shiraz April 2006
Peter Forrester's Top 100 Winter Wines May 2006

Total Awards Since First Release (1990): 1 Trophy, 1 Trophy Nomination, 7 Gold, 21 Silver, 75 Bronze, 1 90+ Points, 1 Certificate of Excellence, 4 Commendations, 1 Highly Commended.