PENLEY ESTATE

1992 PENLEY ESTATE HYLAND SHIRAZ
TASTING NOTES

Release: March 1994
Area: 100% Coonawarra
Country: Australia

Variety: 100% Shiraz
Analysis: Alcohol 13.5%, Acid 6.6 g/l, pH 3.41

Objective: To create a youthful, rich and mellow wine. Created to drink now. A wine of varietal fruit but only the hint of American oak. Oak will complete the flavours and enhance the fruit. This wine must show area characteristics, varietal fruit and have plenty of flavour.

Vintage Comment: Classic Coonawarra year with strong distinct aromas, but maintaining elegance of style.

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 peppery and berry like features. Strong lifted aromas of variety and oak. The flavour is young and fruity. A soft and rich middle palate with only the trace of oak tannin on the finish. Elegant style with a rich length of flavour.

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 1-3 years. Premium wine must have the ability for some bottle age, since there is sometimes 1-2 years between bottling and actual drinking.

Penley's Winemaking Style: The balance is a key feature in all Penley Wines. This ensures the wines will mature successfully in the bottle, this wine shows dominance of fruit with hints of smoky oak and grape tannin. A wine made to enjoy while th young distinct but elegant Coonawarra Shiraz characters are evident. Characters of berry and black peppers. 50% matured in American Oak and 10% in French oak Hogsheads for 12 months.

Awards:

****	WINESTATE Magazine "The Best of '94"
Silver Medal	Class 61 1993 Sydney Show
Silver Medal	Class 15 1993 Perth Show
Silver Medal	"INTERVIN" North America 1994
Silver Medal	Class 26 1994 Hobart Show
Bronze Medal	Class 26 1993 Queensland Show
Bronze Medal	Class 17 1993 Melbourne Show
Bronze Medal	Class 12 1993 Canberra Show
Bronze Medal	Class 15 1993 Hobart Show
Bronze Medal	"WINE" International Wine Challenge London 1994
Bronze Medal	Class 39 1994 Queensland Show
Bronze Medal	Class 44 1994 Melbourne Show
Bronze Medal	Class 20 1994 Perth Show
Bronze Medal	Class 030 1994 Canberra Show
Bronze Medal	1995 (UK) International Wine and Spirit Competition
Commended	"WINE" International Wine Challenge (UK) 1995

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