

PENLEY ESTATE

1993 PENLEY ESTATE HYLAND SHIRAZ TASTING NOTES

- Release:** April 1995 **Variety:** Shiraz
- Area:** Coonawarra **Analysis:** 13.5% Alcohol, 6.6g/l Acid, 3.31pH
- Country:** Australia
- 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:** Late harvest due to a long “Indian Summer” with ideal ripening conditions. Low yielding year but with great colour and flavour. Complex flavours.
- 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 and peppery 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 the young distinct but elegant Coonawarra Shiraz characters are evident. Characters of berry and black peppers. 70% American Oak and 30% French Oak hogsheads for 15 months. Due to the intensity of the fruit it was necessary for the wine to remain in wood a little longer to gain a better balance.
- Awards:** Awards are now given to wines already bottled and labelled. Hence any awards are more likely in the year of sale.
- Commended Class 15 1994 Hobart Show
Bronze Medal Class 26 1994 Queensland Show
Bronze Medal Class 17 1994 Melbourne Show
Bronze Medal Class 15 1994 Perth Show
Bronze Medal Class 30 1995 Canberra Show