

# PENLEY ESTATE

## 1994 HYLAND SHIRAZ TASTING NOTES

**Release:** May 1996  
**Variety:** Shiraz  
**Area:** Coonawarra  
**Analysis:** 12.5% Alcohol, 6.8g/l Acid, 3.42ph  
**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 complex the flavours and enhance the fruit.  
This wine must show area characteristics, varietal fruit and have plenty of flavour.

### Vintage

**Comment:** A good wet winter. Average Spring rain, with wet conditions continuing well into February. From then on mild, sunny and warm conditions during the day and cool nights created ideal harvest conditions. Harvest somewhat late. Average yields but with great colour and flavour.

**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. The 1994 is an elegant style but does show a little more fruit and body weight on the palate than previous 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 1-3 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. 85 % American Oak and 15% French Oak Hogsheads for 18 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 generally given to wines already bottled and labelled. Hence any awards are more likely in the year of sale.

Highly Commended Class 9 1994 Hobart Show  
Gold Medal Class 34 1995 Australian Small Winemakers Show - Stanthorpe  
Silver Medal Class 25 1995 Hobart Show  
Bronze Medal Boutique Wines of Australia 1997  
Commended Medal Class 12 1994 Queensland Show  
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