

PENLEY ESTATE

1997 HYLAND SHIRAZ TASTING NOTES

Release : February 1999

Variety: Shiraz

Area: Coonawarra

Analysis: 13.5% Alcohol, 6.7g/l Acid, 3.37pH

Country: Australia

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

Vintage

Comment: Good Moisture levels and a warm spring. Cool and dry during the early growing season. Harvest was late, warm and dry. Yields were very low but the late harvest resulted in reds with strong colour and flavour, Chardonnay with elegance and distinct varietal 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 rich and fruity. A soft and rich middle palate with traces of oak tannin on the finish. The 1997 is a full to medium style but does show 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.

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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 18 months, 35% was 1997 Oak. 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.

92/100	“Outstanding” – The Insider’s Wine Line 2000 Tasting Notes – Vol 4 No.1
Silver Medal	Class 50 1999 Queensland Wine Show (Royal National Association)
Bronze Medal	Class 53 1999 Hotel Grand Chancellor Royal Hobart Wine Show
Bronze Medal	Class 47 1999 National Wine Show of Australia (Canberra)
Bronze Medal	Class 20 1998 Melbourne Show
88/100	Wine Spectator (Issue 30/6/00)