

PENLEY ESTATE

1999 HYLAND SHIRAZ TASTING NOTES

Release: February 2001

Variety: Shiraz

Area: Coonawarra

Analysis: 13.9% Alcohol, 6.6 g/l Acid, 3.39pH

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: Below average yields but wines well structured and deeply coloured and flavoured. Classically rich, ripe and intense.

For Coonawarra, Spring was a difficult time, with frost, wind at flowering, and stress at fruit set, in a generally cool period. January-February was generally above monthly average temperatures and low rainfall was experienced through ripening to harvest. A good growing season with cool, dry and clear conditions.

Penley reds all had great intensity of colour, with fine, ripe 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 ripeness with huge intensity reflecting the vintage conditions. Strong lifted aromas of variety and oak. The flavour is rich and fruity. A soft and rich middle palate with oak tannin on the finish to balance the intensity of 1999 flavours. The 1999 is a full style but does show a lot more fruit and body weight on the palate than earlier vintages. It compares well to the 1998 in weight, but shows more complexity.

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. However the 1999 wines will have intensity and balance to age longer. 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 berry and hints of black peppers. 50% American Oak and 50% French Oak Hogsheads for 18 months, 40% was new Oak. Due to the intensity of the 1999 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.

 Trophy	National Cool Climate Wine Show – Bathurst 2001 (Champion Shiraz of The Show)
 90 Points	Wine Spectator – May 31 2002
 88 Points	Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, June 2001, "elegant".
 Gold	Class 4020 National Cool Climate Wine Show – Bathurst 2001
 Gold	Class 6 2001 Sydney Royal Wine Show
 Silver	2001 International Wine Challenge
 Silver	Class 47 2000 Canberra National Wine Show of Australia
 Silver	2001 Cairns Wine Show
 Silver	Class 37 2001 National Wine Show of Australia (Canberra)
 Bronze	Class 18 2001 1 st Annual Limestone Coast Wine Show
 Bronze	Class 49 2001 Rutherglen Wine Show
 Bronze	Class 63 2001 Royal Melbourne Wine Show
 Bronze	Class 10 2001 Boutique Wines of Australia

🥉 Bronze Class 49 2001 Royal Queensland Wine Show
🥉 Bronze Class 36 2001 Royal Adelaide Wine Show
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Previous Vintage:

(1998) 1 Silver, 8 Bronze, ***** The Age/SMH “Uncorked” Summer, November 2000