



RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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Vintage: 2005

Release: July 2009

Variety: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Country: Australia

GI/ Area: Coonawarra

Analysis: 15% Alcohol, 6.9 g/l total acid, 3.35 pH

Yield: 2 t/A

Fermentation: Open Fermentation/ Heading Down Tanks.

Maturation: 100% New French Oak

Time Spent On Oak: 24 Months

Vintage Comment: After a wet winter, spring was cool to mild followed by a warm and dry summer. Plenty of sunshine and very little rain.

The Style: This classic Australian red wine captures and enhances the distinctive characters of Coonawarra. These characters are highlighted by berry tones with a great length and depth of flavour. The complex characters of this wine show intensity and layered depth. To achieve this style it is important to have harmony between fruit intensity, oak tannin, grape tannin and acid. Objective for the Penley style is harmony and balance.

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The Wine: The colour is bright with deep crimson and some purple tints. The aroma has hints of wild berry and violet characters with richness of fruit due to ideal weather and low yields. The aroma has strong smoky oak tones and a touch of spice, which highlight the intense nature of the Penley style. The palate is rich and muscular with sweet berry flavours and strong oak and grape tannins which will develop with bottle age and soften giving the wine a silkier texture. The key elements in this wine are its rich varietal flavours, choice of oak types, finely tuned acid and astringency. The use of 100% French Tronçais oak has added depth and complexity. It spent 24 months in this oak and this is a key element to the wine's integration and development. Bottled in July 2007. Best defined as medium to full bodied wine from a great year.

Maturation: While it is difficult to recommend maturation periods, this wine with its palate balance and finely tuned tannins, will allow a minimum of 10-15 years to achieve its full potential.

Winemaking-The Penley Style: Balance is a key feature in all Penley wines. This ensures the wine will mature successfully in the bottle. Coupling Australia's rich flavours, it can be enjoyed whenever the mood dictates. Inherent in the Penley style is soft balance but this should not detract from ageing potential. The wine is made with bottle age in mind. Intense tannin, acid and flavour components are elements required. It is a strong held belief that these components need to be in balance, not just in place, for a wine to mature in bottle. 10 blocks of cabernet are grown at Penley, this is important to the blending, as the best from each block will make it to the final wine to create a complex, traditional Australian Coonawarra Cabernet dry red. Components like clone, soil type, canopy, yield and irrigation all contribute to the wine. In the winery fermentation tank, temperature and oak add to the grape characters. Careful maturation in oak are the final touches.

Awards: Awards are now generally given to wines already bottled and labelled. Hence any awards are more likely in the year of sale.

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Highly Commended

Gourmet Traveller Wine Oct/Nov 2009

The Penguin Good Australian Wine Guide 2010

Robert Parker Jr, Feb 2009

Wine & Spirits Magazine Oct 2009

Tanzers International Wine Cellar Oct 2008

Harvey Steiman's Wine Spectator September 2008

Wine Enthusiast Online July 2009

James Hallidays Wine Companion 2009

2009 Wrest Point Royal Hobart Wine Show

2009 San Francisco International Wine Competition

2009 Limestone Coast Wine Show

2008 Houston International Wine Competition

2008 Royal Melbourne Wine Show

2008 Cool Climate Wine Show

2008 International Wine Challenge

2008 Hobart Wine Show

2008 Perth Royal Wine Show

2008 New Zealand International Wine Show

2007 Perth Royal Wine Show

2010 Sydney International Wine Competition



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