

PENLEY ESTATE

1990 PENLEY ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON TASTING NOTES

Release: August 1993
Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon
Area: Coonawarra, South Australia
Analysis: Alcohol 13%, Acid 7g/l, pH 3.31

The Style: This classic Australian red wine captures and enhances the distinctive characters of Coonawarra. These characters are highlighted by rich berry tones with a great length and depth of flavour.

The Wine: The colour is bright with deep crimson and some amber tints. The aroma has striking berry and smokey oak tones, which highlights the intense characters of the 1990 vintage. The palate with its rich, sweet-like berry flavours and strong oak and grape tannins to balance and integrate this year's strong flavours. A powerful wine, medium to full-bodied style.

Maturation Period:

While it is difficult to recommend maturation periods, this wine with its palate balance and finely tuned tannins, will allow a minimum of 5-10 years to achieve its full potential.

Winemaking: The balance is very important if the wine is to mature successfully in the bottle. The key winemaking elements needed are:

1. Varietal flavour
2. Choice of blend of oak types
3. Finely tuned acid and astringency

But this year time in oak was crucial to enable a balance of strong fruit with enough grape and wood tannin, so producing a wine of power and finesse. Matured in 50% American and 50% French Troncais oak for twenty four months, the wine was bottled in August, 1992

Awards:

Certificate of Excellence: Masters of Wine 1994 (UK)

Top 100: 1993 Sydney Int Winemakers Competition

Export Nomination: George Mackey Memorial Trophy
(Best table wine export during 93/94)

Gold Medal: Class 49 1992 Melbourne Show

Gold Medal: Class 44 1992 Adelaide Show

Gold Medal: Class 36 1992 Hobart Show

Gold Medal: "INTERVIN" North America 1993

Gold Medal: Class 43 1993 Melbourne Show

Gold Medal: "WINE" Int Wine Challenge London 1994

Gold Medal: "INTERVIN" North America 1994

Very Highly Commended: Class 23 1991 Hobart Show

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Commended: Class 9 1990 Brisbane Show

Silver Medal: Class 61 1991 Sydney Show

Silver Medal: Class 28 1992 Cowra Wine Show

Silver Medal: Class 26 1992 Canberra Show

Silver Medal: Class 37 1993 Brisbane Show

Silver Medal: Class 44 1993 Perth Show

Silver Medal: Class 64 1994 Adelaide Show

Bronze Medal: Class 5 1990 Rutherglen Show

Bronze Medal: Class 58 1990 Adelaide Show

Bronze Medal: Class 28 1992 Rutherglen Show

Bronze Medal: Class 25 1992 Hobart Show

Bronze Medal: Class 42 1993 Sydney Show

Bronze Medal: Class 35 1993 Cowra Show

Bronze Medal: "WINE" Int Wine Challenge 1993 (UK)

Bronze Medal: Class 16 1993 Adelaide Show

Bronze Medal: Class 30 1993 Canberra Show

Bronze Medal: Class 37 1994 Sydney Show

Bronze Medal: Class 2A 1994 Int Wine and Spirit Comp