

# PENLEY ESTATE

## 1991 RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON TASTING NOTES

**Release:** August, 1994  
**Variety:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon  
**Area:** Coonawarra, South Australia  
**Analysis:** Alcohol 13.5% Acid 6g/l

### **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 smoky oak tones, which highlights the intense characters of the 1991 vintage. The palate with its rich, sweet berry flavours and strong oak and grape tannin's to balance and integrate this year's strong flavours. A powerful wine, medium to full-bodied style. The powerful nature of its flavours, tannin's and acid will enable this wine to live. The test of a true Australian classic is its balance at a young age, and so its drinkability.

### **Maturation Period:**

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

### **Winemaking - The Penley Style:**

The balance is a key feature on all Penley wines. This ensures the wine will mature successfully in the bottle, coupled with Australia's rich flavours, it can be drunk whenever the mood dictates.

The key element in this wine is its rich varietal flavours, choice of oak types, finely tuned acid and astringency. The use of 50% American and 50% French Tronçais oak adds depth and complexity. It spent 24 months in oak to enable integration and development. Bottled August 1993.

**Awards:** John Swan Perpetual Trophy - 1995 Sydney Show  
Hyatt International/Advertiser Wine of the Year Awards 1994 - Adelaide (Wine of the Year)  
Hyatt International/Advertiser Wine of the Year Awards 1994 - Adelaide (Best Cabernet and Blends)  
Hyatt International/Advertiser Wine of the Year Awards 1994 - Adelaide (Runner-up Wine of the Year - Consumer Choice)  
Professor A J Perkins Memorial Trophy 1992 Adelaide Show  
Championship Award Class 46 1993 Melbourne Show  
Nomination - George Mackey Memorial Trophy  
- best table wine exported during 1993/94  
Runner-up Consumer Hyatt Award 1994  
\*\*\*\*\* WINESTATE "Best of '94"  
\*\*\*\*\* WINESTATE 1996 Best of Wine Styles  
11 Gold Medals  
6 Silver Medals  
4 Bronze Medal