PENLEY ESTATE

1992 PENLEY ESTATE RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON TASTING NOTES

Release:	July 1995	**Area:**	Coonawarra, South Australia
Variety:	Cabernet Sauvignon	**Country:**	Australia
Analysis:	13.5% Alcohol, 6.7g/l Acid, 3.42ph		

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 character of the 1992 vintage. The palate with its rich, sweet 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. The powerful nature of its flavours, tannins 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: 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 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 elements in this wine are its rich varietal flavours, choice of oak types, finely tuned acid and astringency. The use of 50% French Troncais oak adds depth and complexity. It spent 24 months in oak to enable integration and development. Bottled August 1994.

Vintage Comment: Late vintage, with generally warm conditions during growing season. Some rain during early harvest, fruit dominated year.

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

Highly Commended	Class 14 1993 Hobart Show
Gold Medal	Selections Mondiales 1996 - Montreal
Gold Medal	Class 39 1994 Adelaide Show
Top 100	Decanter Wine Magazine 1999
Trophy Nomination	Export Nomination George Mackey Memorial Trophy- Best Aust Wine Export 94-95
*****	WINESTATE Magazine 1995 (New Releases)
****	WINESTATE Magazine 1996 (Best of South Australia)
*****	WINESTATE Magazine 1996 (Best of Wine Styles)
Silver Medal	Class 24 1993 Queensland Show
Silver Medal	Class 37 1994 Queensland Show
Silver Medal	Class 27 1994 Canberra Show
Silver Medal	Class 39 1995 Hobart Show
Silver Medal	Class 41 1995 Canberra Show
Bronze Medal	Class 61 1993 Sydney Show
Bronze Medal	Class 16 1993 Melbourne Show
Bronze Medal	Class 21 1994 Perth Show
Bronze Medal	Class 30 1994 Canberra Show
Bronze Medal	Class 25 1994 Hobart Show
Bronze Medal	Class 37 1995 Sydney Show
Bronze Medal	"WINE" International Wine Challenge (UK) 1995
Bronze Medal	Class 43 1995 Melbourne Show
Bronze Medal	Class 56 1996 Sydney Show
Bronze Medal	Class 65 1996 Adelaide Show

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