

PENLEY ESTATE

1993 RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON TASTING NOTES

Release: July 1996 **Area:** Coonawarra, South Australia
Analysis: 14.0% Alcohol, 6.9g/l Acid, 3.42ph **Country:** Australia
Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon

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 and concentration of the 1993 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 40% American and 60% French Tronçais oak adds depth and complexity. It spent 30 months in oak to enable integration and development. Bottled November 1995.

Vintage

Comment: Late vintage, with generally cool conditions during growing season with a good long spell of warm weather on the run up to vintage. Very dry harvest period. Big flavour, colour and body.

Awards:

St. George Bank Trophy Class 41 1996 Canberra Show
(Best Dry Red Table Wine - Cabernet Sauvignon predominant) Top Gold
George Mackey Memorial Trophy - best table wine exported during 1995/96
Highly Commended Class 8 1993 Hobart Show
Highly Commended Class 14 1994 Hobart Show
Gold Medal Class 25 1996 Adelaide Show
Gold Medal Class 36 1996 Sydney Show
Gold Medal Class 16 1994 Melbourne Show
Silver Medal Class 57 1994 Sydney Show
Bronze Medal Class 48 1996 Perth Show
Bronze Medal Class 44 1996 Melbourne Show
Bronze Medal Class 72 1996 Cowra Show
Bronze Medal 1996 Intervin International
Bronze Medal Class 39 1995 Adelaide Show
Bronze Medal Class 24 1994 Queensland Show
Bronze Medal Class 41 1994 Adelaide Show
Bronze Medal Class 39 1996 Rutherglen Show
Bronze Medal Class 51 1996 Hobart Show
Bronze Medal Wine Magazine International Wine Challenge 1997
Bronze Medal Class 40 1997 Canberra Show
Bronze Medal Class 50 1998 Sydney Show
Honourable Mention 1996 Boutique Wines of Australia
5 Star Best Red Wine The Penguin Good Australian Wine Guide
4 1/2 Star The 1998 Australia Day Tastings-UK (Decanter Magazine Star Rating, April 1998)