PENLEY ESTATE

1994 RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON
TASTING NOTES

Release: July 1997
Area: Coonawarra, South Australia
Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon
Country: Australia
Analysis: 14.0% Alcohol, 6.9g/l Acid, 3.40ph

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 character which is a feature of 1994, added together with strong smoky oak tones, which highlights the intense nature of the Penley style. 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, best defined as full bodied style.

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 element in this wine are its rich varietal flavours, choice of oak types, finely tuned acid and astringency. The use of 52% American and 48% French Troncais oak adds depth and complexity. It spent 30 months in oak to enable integration and development. Bottled October 1996.

Vintage Comment:

Late vintage with very cool growing season. However a spell of clear warm conditions late during harvest was a great asset. Dry winter and spring with good late summer rains. Very dry conditions late during growing season. Big flavour, colour and body.

Awards:

Nomination George Mackey Memorial Trophy - Best Table Wine Exported during 1996/97
Blue Gold Medal Top100 Wines - Sydney International Wine Competition 1998
Gold Medal Class 37 1999 National Wine Show of Australia (Canberra)
Gold Medal Class 49 1997 Hobart Show
Gold Medal Class 28 1997 Canberra Show
Gold Medal InterVin International Wine Competition
Gold Medal International Wine & Spirit Competition 1997
Silver Medal Class 23 2002 Limestone Coast Wine Show
Silver Medal Class 23 2001 1st Annual Limestone Coast Wine Show
Silver Medal International Wine Challenge 2000
Silver Medal International Wine Challenge 1998
Silver Medal Class 35 1998 Sydney Show
Silver Medal Class 33 1997 Perth Show
Silver Medal Class 46 1997 Melbourne Show
Silver Medal Boutique Wines of Australia 1997
Silver Medal Asia Pacific Wine Challenge 1997
Silver Medal Wine Magazine International Wine Challenge 1997
Silver Medal Vinalies Internationales 1997
Silver Medal Class 51 1996 Cowra Show
Silver Medal Class 51 1996 Hobart Show
Bronze Medal Class 43 1998 Adelaide Show
Bronze Medal Class 24 1997 Stanthorpe Show
Bronze Medal Class 42 1997 Adelaide Show
Bronze Medal Class 33 1997 Queensland Show
Bronze Medal Class 40 1996 Adelaide Show
Bronze Award Class 35 1999 Sydney Royal Wine Show
89/100 Points Wine Spectator Good to very good, a wine with special qualities (August 1997)
89/100 Points Wine Spectator (June 1998)
Commended Class 13 1994 Queensland Show
Commended Class 24 1995 Hobart Show
4 Star Winestate Magazine (New Releases Tasting/July-August 97 Issue) Equal Top in Category
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