PENLEY ESTATE

1995 RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON
TASTING NOTES

Release: July 1998
Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon
Analysis: 13.0% Alcohol, 6.85g/l Acid, 3.32ph
Area: Coonawarra, South Australia
Country: Australia

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 1995, 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 complex wine, best defined as medium to 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 elements 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 1997.

Vintage Comment:

A very dry winter affecting fruit set and so small yielding year. Warm and dry summer with hot January and February, but leading to cool, late season. Slow ripening with late April/May rains, maturation levels on all varieties (except Shiraz) were average.

Awards:

Gold Medal Class 46 1999 Royal Melbourne Wine Show
Silver Medal International Wine Challenge 1998
Bronze Medal Class 42 1998 Adelaide Show
Bronze Medal Class 48 1998 Perth Show
Bronze Medal Class 46 1998 Melbourne Show
Bronze Medal Class 28 1998 Queensland Show
Bronze Medal Class 35 1998 Sydney Show
Bronze Medal Class 19 1997 Melbourne Show
Bronze Medal Class 40 1996 Adelaide Show
Bronze Medal Class 19 1996 Melbourne Show
Bronze Medal Class 28 1998 National Wine Show Of Australia
Bronze Medal Class 31 1998 Grand Chancellor Royal Hobart Wine Show
Bronze Award Class 35 1999 Sydney Royal Wine Show
Bronze Medal 1999 InterVin International Wine Competition
Commended Class 22 1996 Hobart Show
90/100 Wine Magazine August 2001
90/100 Wine Spectator (Issue 15/9/99)
90/100 Wine Spectator (Issue 30/6/00)
88/100 James Halliday Wine Companion 1999
4 Star Winestate Magazine (Limestone Coast Tasting November/December Issue 1998)
4 Stars Winestate Annual (Best of South Australia) Limestone Coast 1999 Vol.22 Issue 1.
4 Stars Winestate Annual (Best of Style) Prestige Cab Sauv & Blends 1999 Vol 22 Issue 1.
31/2 Star Winestate Magazine (New Releases Tasting May/June 1998 Issue)

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