

PENLEY ESTATE

1991 PENLEY COONAWARRA METHODE TRADITIONALE PINOT NOIR CHARDONNAY

Release: October 1996 **Tirage Age:** 5 years
Variety: 85% Pinot Noir, 15% Chardonnay **Area:** Coonawarra, South Australia
Analysis: 12% Alcohol, Acid 8.3 g/l, Sugar 10 g/l **Country:** Australia

The Style: Classic varieties are produced by the traditional Methode Champenoise process. The Methode Champenoise process saw the fruit harvested early, blended and refermented in a bottle to capture the gas. Four years of maturation on fermentation lees has produced characteristic yeasty aromas and flavours.

The Penley Style: Distinct Pinot Noir reflect the Penley Style. A wine of rich Pinot Noir fruit but with elegance and finesse. A wine with full flavour, round middle palate and a finish of fresh finely tuned acid.

Coonawarra's almost forgotten variety of Pinot Noir is a future quality wine style for the area.

The Wine: Bright, with hints of yellow to indicate its long maturation period. It is a strong distinctive early picked Coonawarra Pinot.

The aromas exhibit a strong varietal character and yeast autolysis development, formed following its secondary fermentation and subsequent maturation in the bottle. The flavours show plenty of power of nutty Pinot and yeast autolysis but a fresh finesse on the finish. The mouth feel lingers due to the fine bubbles, crisp acid and some sweet chardonnay flavours.

Maturation: Recommended to drink now. Bottle age at this time will enhance the flavours and will not denigrate the wine over the next 1-2 years.

Awards: Winestate Magazine "Moccona Coffee Trophy" (Best Sparkling of 1999)

Hyatt International/Advertiser Wine of the Year Awards 1997-Adelaide
(Wine of the Year - Consumer Choice)
Gold Medal Class 58 1994 Perth Show
Gold Medal Class 43 1994 Adelaide Show
Silver Medal Class 57 1996 Canberra Show
Silver Medal Class 37 1996 Sydney Show
Silver Medal Class 62 1994 Hobart Show
Silver Medal 1999 National Orange Show (Pacific Rim International Wine Competition)
Bronze Medal Class 39 1994 Sydney Show
Bronze Medal 1st Asian Wine Competition 1995
Bronze Medal Class 67 1995 Queensland Show
Bronze Medal Class 57 1995 Perth Show
Bronze Medal Class 43 1995 Adelaide Show
Bronze Medal Boutique Wines of Australia 1997
Bronze Medal Class 75 1997 Melbourne Show
Bronze Medal Class 62 1997 Perth Show
Bronze Medal Class 44 1997 Adelaide Show
Bronze Medal Class 56 1997 Canberra Show
4 Star Winestate Magazine (Limestone Coast Tasting September/October Issue 1997)
3 Star Winestate Magazine (National Sparkling Tasting November/December Issue 1998)