

PENLEY ESTATE

1994 PENLEY COONAWARRA TRADITIONAL METHOD SPARKLING PINOT NOIR CHARDONNAY

Release: November 2000
Variety: 85% Pinot Noir, 15% Chardonnay
Analysis: 11.5% Alcohol, Acid 10.5 g/l, pH 3.25, Sugar 9 g/l
Tirage Age: 5 years
Area: Coonawarra, South Australia
Country: Australia

The Style: The world's best sparkling wines are produced by the traditional method. The traditional method sees classic varieties harvested early, blended and re-fermented in a bottle to capture the fine bubbles. Further maturation on fermentation lees produces characteristic yeasty aromas and flavours.

Penley's Style: Distinct pinot noir reflects the Penley Style. A wine of rich pinot noir fruit with elegance and finesse. A wine with full flavour, a rounded middle palate and a finish of fresh finely tuned acid.

Coonawarra's almost forgotten variety of pinot noir is well suited to the consistent cool climate growing conditions necessary for sparkling fruit selection. It is the predominance of the pinot noir that gives this wine its aging ability.

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. Further bottle age at this time will enhance and intensify the complex flavours. Best enjoyed 2000 – 2003.

Awards:

🏆 Trophy		2001 Hyatt/Advertiser SA Wine of the Year Awards (Winemakers Choice)
🏆 Trophy		2001 Hyatt/Advertiser SA Wine of the Year Awards (Consumers Choice)
🏆 Trophy		2000 Royal Bathurst Cool Climate Wine Show (Champion Bottle Fermented Sparkling Wine of the Show)
🏆 Gold	Class 4090	2000 Royal Bathurst Cool Climate Wine Show (Trophy-Most Successful Exhibitor)
🏆 Gold	Class 74	1998 Melbourne Show
🏆 Silver	Class 57	2002 National Wine Show of Australia
🏆 Silver	Class 55	2001 National Wine Show of Australia (Canberra)
🏆 Bronze	Class 21	2001 1 st Annual Limestone Coast Wine Show
🏆 Bronze	Class 37	2001 Sydney Royal Wine Show
🏆 Bronze	Class 85	1996 Hobart Show
🏆 Bronze	Class 60	1999 Queensland Wine Show (Royal National Association)
🏆 Bronze	Class 46	1999 Royal Adelaide Wine Show
🏆 Bronze	Class 64	2001 Royal Adelaide Wine Show
📖 89/100		Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, June 2001, "excellent".
📖 84 Points		Wine Spectator – Website Only