

# PENLEY ESTATE

## 1997 PENLEY COONAWARRA TRADITIONAL METHOD SPARKLING PINOT NOIR CHARDONNAY

**Release:** September 2003  
**Variety:** 85% Pinot Noir, 15% Chardonnay  
**Analysis:** 11.5% Alcohol, Acid 8.5 g/l, pH 3., Sugar 10.2 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 green, 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. Aromas are of young Pinot fruit, complex with almost bread like yeast, strong earthy notes balanced with a freshness of still young fruit. The flavours show plenty of power of nutty pinot and yeast but a fresh finesse on the finish. The mouth feel lingers due to the fine bubbles, crisp acid and some sweet Chardonnay flavours. A delicate style with soft aftertaste.

**Maturation:** Recommended to drink now. Further bottle age at this time will enhance and intensify the complex flavours. Best enjoyed 2003 – 2006.

### Awards:

|   |        |  |
|---|--------|--|
|  | Trophy | 2004 Hyatt/ Advertiser Wine of The Year Awards – Best Sparkling Consumer Choice  |
|  | Trophy | 2004 Hyatt/ Advertiser Wine of The Year Awards – Best Sparkling Winemaker Choice |
|  | Silver | Class 30 2004 Limestone Coast Wine Show  |
|  | Silver | Class 37 2004 Sydney Royal Wine Show   |
|  | Silver | Class 62 2003 Royal Melbourne Wine Show  |
|  | Silver | Class 72 2003 Royal Adelaide Wine Show   |
|  | Bronze | Class 52 2004 National Wine Show of Australia                                    |
|  | Bronze | Class 54 2004 Royal Perth Wine Show  |
|  | Bronze | Class 64 2004 Royal Melbourne Wine Show  |
|  | Bronze | Class 30 2003 Limestone Coast Wine Show  |
|  | Bronze | Class 77 2003 Royal Hobart Wine Show   |
|  | Bronze | Class 52 2003 National Wine Show of Australia                                    |

**Total Awards Since First Release:** 5 Trophies, 7 Gold, 8 Silver and 28 Bronze medals.