

COONAWARRA
PENLEY ESTATE
AUSTRALIA



2006 PENLEY ESTATE RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEMAKER: Kym Tolley
REGION: Coonawarra, South Australia
VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon
MATURATION: 24 months in 98% new oak, 80% French and 20% American
ALCOHOL: 15% alc/vol

VINTAGE NOTES:

Winter rains and spring temperatures were average and resulted in a late budburst, followed by warm conditions that produced ideal flowering. A very cool but dry January delayed veraison and a wet March delayed completion of harvest well into May. However, this long cool maturation produced intense flavors, aromatics and colors.

WINEMAKING:

This wine is made with bottle age in mind and is a result of blending the best fruit from the ten blocks of Penley's Cabernet. Components like clone, soil type, canopy, yield and irrigation all contribute to the wine style. In the winery, fermentation and careful oak maturation add to the grape characters and are the final touches in defining this wine.

TASTING NOTES:

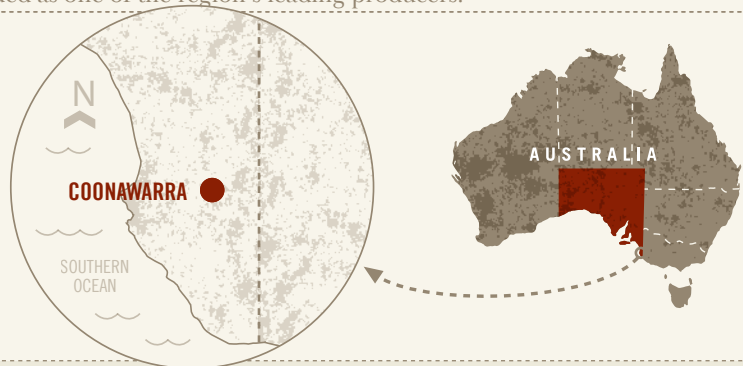
The aroma has a striking berry character with richness of fruit due to the ideal weather, average yields and late harvest. The palate is rich with sweet berry flavors and strong oak and grape tannins, to balance and meld with this years strong flavors. The key elements in this wine are its rich varietal flavors, choice of oak types, as well as finely tuned acid and astringency. This wine will gain further complexity with time in the bottle.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

92 pts Wine Enthusiast, 91 pts Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, 91 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar

ABOUT PENLEY ESTATE:

Penley Estate is located in the heart of Australia's greatest Cabernet wine region: Coonawarra. Owner Kym Tolley, a direct descendant of the pioneering Penfold and Tolley winemaking families, has over 25 years winemaking experience, including tutelage under Grange creator Max Schubert. Continuing a family tradition that spans five generations, Tolley established Penley in 1988 on Coonawarra's famed terra rossa soils, with the aim of producing terroir-driven wines of true regional character. Penley is now regarded as one of the region's leading producers.



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