PENLEY ESTATE

2004 PENLEY ESTATE
SPECIAL SELECT SHIRAZ
'THE TRAVELLER'

Region
Coonawarra, South Australia

Variety
Shiraz

Maturation
French oak

Technical Analysis
14.5 % alc/vol; 6.9 g/l total acidity; 3.38 pH

Background/ Vintage

It began on a train from Zurich to Lugarno in Switzerland in 1997 with a desire to upgrade the level of quality in Hyland Shiraz, together with the belief that Coonawarra Shiraz has a uniqueness of flavor but fell out of favor due to the popularity of Cabernet Sauvignon from this region. The objective then became to produce a Shiraz representing the highest quality grown in Coonawarra and at Penley Estate.

Winter rains and spring temperatures were average and resulted in a late budburst, followed by warm conditions that produced ideal flowering. 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.

Tasting Notes

Deep red with hints of purples and ambers. The nose is delicate and fragrant with overtones of blackberry fruits. The aroma has a strong smoky oak character enhanced during its barrel fermentation. Fine balance of fruit, oak and richness. The palate shows restraint and has finesse unlike many of the Australian Shiraz on the market. Its flavors are rich and lively. The characters are blackberry type fruits. The wine shows elegancy but with great depth of fruit and fine tuned tannins. Grape and oak tannins are evident and add depth to the wine but they do not dominate the wine. Complexity of character, rich berry with a full boded persistent length on the palate.

Additional Notes:

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