



2005 PENLEY ESTATE RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Review Summary



93 pts “Classic Coonawarra cabernet grown along the region's narrow strip of terra rossa soil, this wine has light behind its currant flavors, driving them with floral power. There's intensity rather than thickness to the tannins, a tight, impacted structure that will hold it for years. As it evolves, the cedar and mushroom scents will develop to complement rack of lamb.”

Wine and Spirits Magazine
October 2009

93 pts “The 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve delivers aromas of pain grille, pencil lead, mineral, black currant, and blackberry jam. Full-flavored, savory, and plush on the palate, this impressive effort has enough stuffing to evolve for several more years.”

Robert Parker, eRobertParker.com
February 2009

93 pts “Penley really pushed the ripeness to the limit in 2005 and they didn't lose their footing. A rich iodine and almost oily nose here, plenty of purple fruit and a good dose of spicy French oak. Neatly polished palate with an innate feel of solid ripeness with even-handed balance. Impressive push of warm berry fruit flavor and sturdy tannin through the finish – this really sings.”

Nick Stock
The Penguin Good Australian Wine Guide 2010

92+ pts “It might be four years old but it still tastes very young. Indeed this needs at least a few more years in the bottle. For now it's tight and reserved, blessed with spicy blackcurrant-like flavor and good through the finish, though coiled. Bay leaves and toast. Slight amount of raisining, but nothing to worry about. In fact the alcohol might sound high, but when you drink the wine you hardly notice it.”

Campbell Mattinson, The Winefront
September 19, 2009

92 pts “A generous red, showing real transparency to the cherry, currant and delicate sage, white pepper and cream notes flitting through as the fruit lingers elegantly. A seamless wine that's built to last. Drink now through 2015. 125 cases imported.”

Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator “Great Australian Reds”
October 15, 2008



92 pts “Inky ruby. Spicy red berry and cherry aromas are complicated by smoky minerals, baking spices and cured tobacco. Primary red fruit flavors are pure and concentrated, with impressive mineral bite and silky tannins. A fresh, impressively delineated wine that finishes with outstanding persistence, leaving traces of cherry pit and sweet tobacco behind.”

Josh Raynolds, Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
Sept/Oct 2008

90 pts “Full-bodied, with supple tannins and layers of dark fruits; has good line and length, but does show some heat from the 15° alcohol.”

James Halliday
2009 Australian Wine Companion

91 pts

Wine Enthusiast Online
July 1, 2009