

COONAWARRA
PENLEY ESTATE
AUSTRALIA



2005 PENLEY ESTATE RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEMAKER: Kym Tolley
REGION: Coonawarra, South Australia
VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon
MATURATION: 25 months in new French oak
ALCOHOL: 15% alc/vol

VINTAGE NOTES:

After a wet winter, spring was cool to mild followed by a warm, dry summer. The 2005 harvest saw plenty of sunshine and very little rain. These conditions produced intense flavors, aromatics, and colors.

WINEMAKING:

Ten blocks of Cabernet Sauvignon is grown at Penley Estate. Only the best fruit from these blocks will comprise the Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon each year. Components like clone, soil type, canopy, yield and irrigation all contribute to the unique characters in this wine. Careful maturation in 100% French Tronçais oak is a key element in the wine's integration, complexity, and development.

TASTING NOTES:

The 2005 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon captures the distinctive fruit characters of a powerful, yet elegant, Coonawarra Cabernet. The nose expresses a striking, dark berry richness with abundant notes of cherry, black currant, spice, and smoky oak. On the rich, muscular palate, layers of cassis, smoke and chocolate harmonize with supple tannin and acidity. This wine will gain further complexity with time in the bottle.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 93 pts- Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, 92 pts- Wine Spectator, 92 pts- Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, 90 pts- James Halliday's Wine Companion

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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