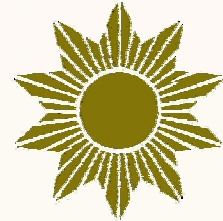


2006 PENLEY ESTATE GRYPHON MERLOT

Review Summary



91 pts “Ruby-red. Exotically perfumed nose displays sexy raspberry, blackberry, Asian spice and incense scents. Juicy red berry and cherry flavors are complemented by subtle mocha and succulent herb notes, with silky tannins adding shape. Finishes with outstanding energy and clinging red fruit character. This is already delicious, and delivers impressive depth and clarity for the price, especially for this often disappointing variety. “

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

90 pts “The 2006 Merlot Gryphon was aged in 30% new oak. It exhibits an excellent spicy nose of black currants and plum. This leads to an elegant wine with a supple texture, savory fruit, and tasty flavors. It is well-balanced and has a fruit-filled close. Penley Estate has turned out four exceptional values in the 2006 vintage.”

Jay Miller
Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate
August 2008, Issue 178 “Value Wines”

88 pts “Good concentration, with nice depth of fruit to the bouquet and flavour to match, but somewhat one-dimensional.”

James Halliday
2009 Wine Companion