



2006 PENLEY ESTATE PHOENIX CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Review Summary



91 pts “Really nicely done, with bold cassis aromas tinged with hints of tomato leaf and vanilla and then waves of cassis, vanilla and dried spices on the palate. It’s full bodied and lushly textured, with a long, velvety feel to the finish.”

Wine Enthusiast
December 15, 2008

91 pts “The 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon Phoenix was aged in 35% new oak. Purple-colored, it has an enticing bouquet of spice box, cassis, and black currant. Sweet, ripe, and layered, it has 1-2 years of aging potential but can be enjoyed now. 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”

90 pts “Deep ruby. Spicy redcurrant and cherry aromas are deepened by smoky tobacco and loam. Dusty minerals add grip to fleshy red berry and cherry flavors, which become deeper and sweeter with air. This carries 15% alcohol but betrays no warmth. Finishes with lingering sweetness.

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

90 pts “Lithe and appealing for its transparency and pretty currant and berry flavors, shaded with hints of earth and herb, hinting at aromatic tobacco as the finish lingers effortlessly. Drink now through 2016. 1500 cases imported.”

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

88 pts “Good cabernet character and quite juicy and forward; plenty of fruit, and made to be enjoyed as a young wine.”

James Halliday
2009 Australian Wine Companion



88 pts “Not many bottlings of Cabernet from the famed appellation of Coonawarra can still be found in this price range, largely because Coonawarra and Margaret River have become the two most prestigious regions for growing Cabernet in Australia—with land prices that have risen accordingly. This wine is true to its place of origin, with good intensity to the dark berry fruit, but also a subtly leafy, herbal, mineral character that reflects the restrained ripeness that Cabernet grapes generally acquire in Coonawarra's relatively cool climate. Acidity and tannin are notable, yet nicely symmetrical in relation to the weight of the fruit.”

Michael Franz
Wine Review Online
Sep 23, 2008

87 pts - BEST BUY “Light scents of tobacco and black currant lend sweetness to this cabernet. The tannins taste of green herbs, showing the vigor of the vines. For flank steak.”

Wine & Spirits – ‘Australia’s Best’
February 2009

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Wine.com
December, 2009

20 Wines for Putting Smiles on Faces “In a region that’s not light on stars, Penley sits happily up the sharp end of Coonawarra’s distinguished heap. Its wines focus on fruit-driven, age worthy reds that are unsurprisingly high caliber given winemaker Kym Tolley’s apprenticeship under Grange master, Max Schubert – not to mention his lengthy experience at working the famed terra rossa soils of the region. Concentrated, inky and dense, the nose of this Cabernet is loaded with aromas of cassis, leather, spice and mint. The palate is weighty and full, with loads of fruit and brilliant structure. Best of all, the oak has been dealt out sparingly: so while this wine provides terrific drinking now, you could happily stash it under the bed for the better part of the next decade.”

Matt Skinner
The Juice 2009

“This Australian cabernet was a pleasant surprise at this price. We found impressions of blackberries, black currants, vanilla and cedar. It had a silky texture followed by a velvety finish.”

Frank Sutherland
Battle Creek Enquirer
July 30, 2009