

2007 PENLEY ESTATE PHOENIX CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Review Summary



92 pts “A solid campaigner in the best value cabernet stakes, there’s a good concentration and ripeness here in 2007 – trademark cassis and mint of the region with a good lick of oak. Supple, sweet dark fruits on the palate with a long modern, fine tannin finish and creamy oak spices to close.”

Nick Stock
The Penguin Good Australian Wine Guide 2010

91 pts - Best of the Best by Variety “A fragrant bouquet of spicy red and dark fruits, then a medium-bodied palate with bright cassis-accented fruit; good tannins and length. Value.”

James Halliday’s Australian Wine Companion
2010

90 pts – BEST BUY “Coonawarra is the place to look for this kind of clean, fragrant cabernet, its red- and black currant flavors lifted by scents of herbs. A generous red for a juicy steak.”

Wine & Spirits Magazine
October 2009

89 pts “Dark ruby-colored, it offers up aromas of balsam wood, cassis, and blackberry. On the palate, this fleshy effort has plenty of ripe, succulent fruit, lots of spice, and excellent length. It delivers a lot of wine for the money.”

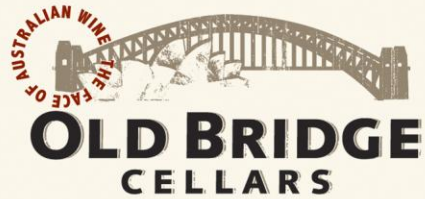
Jay Miller, Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate
December 2009, Issue #186

89 pts “Juicy blackberry, cherry, tobacco and tar flavors wrap tightly around the focused core of this firm red, lingering on the finish.”

Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator
October 15, 2009

89 pts “Deep ruby. Powerful aromas of crushed blackcurrant, rose, pepper and herbs. Lush and sappy yet delicate, with red and black fruit and spice flavors energized by tangy minerality. Nothing thick or heavy about this wine. Finishes with enticing lift and very good persistence. This carries its 15% alcohol gracefully.”

Josh Raynolds, Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
July/August 2009



88 pts “Toned-down aromas of blackberry and mocha lead to a palate with a firm structure of well-defined acidity and gripping tannins. The medium finish winds down to a note of mulling spices”

Joe Czerwinski, Wine Enthusiast
June 2010

Bottle To Look For – “This rural region's distinctive, eight-mile-long strip of iron-rich red soil—“terra rossa”—has long produced some of Australia's greatest Cabernet Sauvignons.”

Ray Isle, “Australia’s Wine Regions,” Food & Wine
March, 2010

“A fittingly regional aroma with herbal tea and olive, but also a ripe cherry and earthy depth. The alcohol (15% on the label) sounds ominous, but this superb Australian house knows how to balance such weight with great acidity. A bargain.”

Dan Berger, Vintage Experiences
April 8, 2010