



2008 PENLEY ESTATE SPECIAL SELECT SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER:	Kym Tolley
REGION:	Coonawarra, South Australia
VARIETALS:	Shiraz
MATURATION:	Aged in 100% new French oak barriques for 24 months
ANALYSIS:	14.5% alc/vol 3.35 pH 6.4 g/L TA

BACKGROUND:

The inspiration for the Special Select Shiraz originated with Kym Tolley's desire to showcase Coonawarra Shiraz as the deserving counterpart it is to its famous cousin, Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon. Eternally in the latter's shadow, Penley Estate's Special Select Shiraz elevates this variety to its deserved position with optimum quality and site expression.

VINEYARD & WINEMAKING NOTES:

Of the four individual Shiraz blocks on the Penley property, the Cottage block short rows, made their superior quality known emphatically early on, becoming the foundation of the Special Select Shiraz from the 2000 vintage. These flavorful grapes are fermented in small, open vessels with traditional heading down boards to maximise color and flavor extraction. Fermentation is completed in oak prior to 24 months maturation in these barrels.

TASTING NOTES:

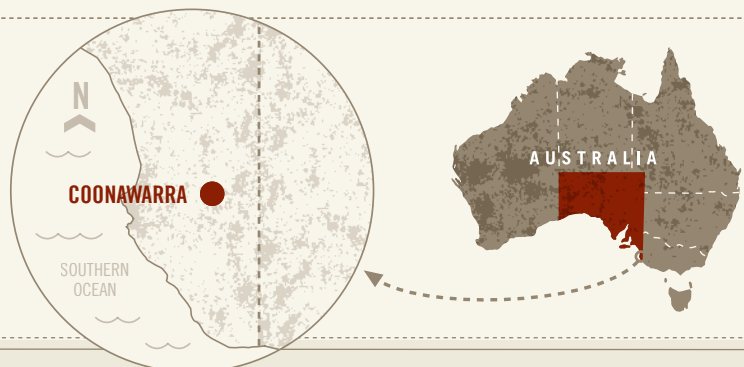
Inky with a great depth of colour and a purple hue. Concentrated blackberry, mulberry and cassis characters on the nose, with smokey oak and a touch of vanillin enhanced during barrel fermentation. The opulent palate shows ripe dark berries, and is tightly structured with fine acid and silky tannins, closing with cedary flavors and great persistence.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

92 pts Wine Spectator, 91 pts eRobertParker.com, 91 pts International Wine Cellar

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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