



2008 PENLEY ESTATE RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEMAKER:	Kym Tolley
REGION:	Coonawarra, South Australia
VARIETALS:	Cabernet Sauvignon
MATURATION:	24 months in 98% new oak, 80% French and 20% American
ANALYSIS:	15% alc/vol 6.9g/L TA 3.37 pH

VINTAGE NOTES:

After good winter rains to set the soils up for a favorable growing season, spring was mostly dry with a few positive rain events at appropriate times to aid vine health. Summer followed with hot and dry conditions punctuated by an uncharacteristic hot spell in March. Coonawarra's cool nights prevailed, allowing continual enhancement of both color and structure.

WINEMAKING:

This wine is made with bottle age in mind and is a result of blending the best fruit from the ten blocks of Penley's Cabernet. Components like clone, soil type, canopy, yield and irrigation all contribute to the wine style. In the winery, fermentation and careful oak maturation add to the grape characters and are the final touches in defining this wine.

TASTING NOTES:

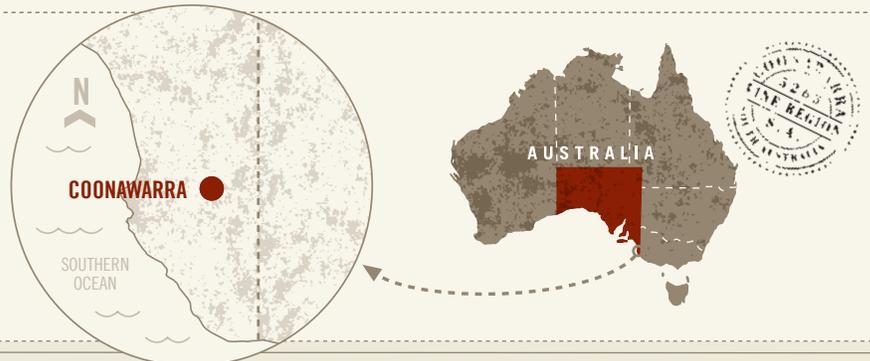
Aromas of ripe, dark mulberries, cassis and earth with a touch of Coonawarra mint, followed by a dense palate of medium to full body. Black cherry, mocha and cedar notes dominate with wonderfully fine yet supportive tannins. This wine will gain further complexity with time in the bottle.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

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

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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