



2009 PENLEY ESTATE PHOENIX CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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| WINEMAKER: | Kym Tolley |
| REGION: | Coonawarra, South Australia |
| VARIETALS: | Cabernet Sauvignon |
| MATURATION: | 15 months maturation in French oak (28% new) |
| ANALYSIS: | 14.5% alc/vol 6.43g/L TA 3.42 pH |

VINTAGE NOTES:

Following the average winter rainfall in 2008, the conditions during spring were dry with minimal frost and no disease pressures allowing for excellent vine canopy development. Prolonged flowering due to cloud and wind during November caused a decrease in fruit set in Cabernet. The vines resilience was tested in January with four consecutive days of record hot temperatures, however, the healthy canopies shielded most varieties from any major damage. Vintage temperatures were slightly below average providing a long slow ripening period for the reds. The harvest started later than normal, in mid March, and did not finish until early May, allowing for some desirable, longer hang time.

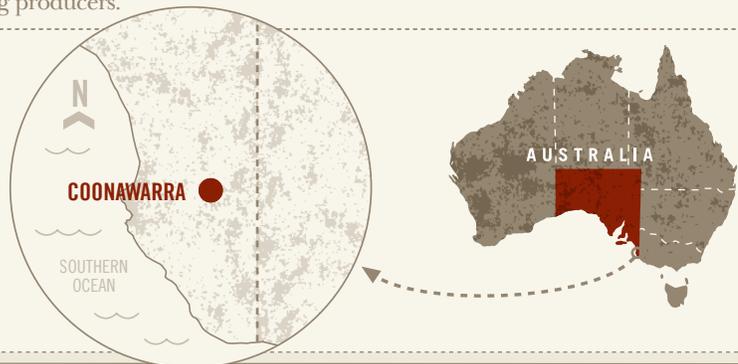
TASTING NOTES:

The Phoenix name recognizes the first winemaking company purchased by Douglas Tolley in South Australia in 1888, the 'The Phoenix Winemaking and Distilling Company.' The nose consists of violets, black currant leaf, ripe wild berry and integrated spice of the Cabernet grape. Mulberry and blackberry are the dominant fruit flavors enhanced by a tight palate with silky grape tannins and elegant complex cedar oak, so typical of Penley Style. A very generous mid palate with a hints of licorice and chocolate lingers on the finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 90 pts eRobertParker.com, 90 pts/Editors Choice Wine Enthusiast, 88 pts/Best Buy Wine & Spirits

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 more than 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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