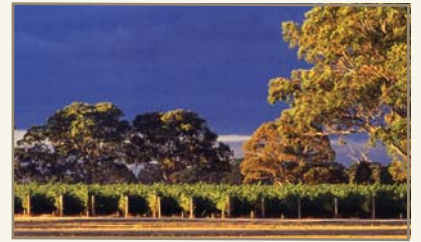


COONAWARRA
PENLEY ESTATE
AUSTRALIA



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2013 PENLEY ESTATE GRYPHON MERLOT

WINEMAKER: Kym Tolley
REGION: Coonawarra, South Australia
VARIETALS: Merlot
MATURATION: 50% in new and seasoned French oak barriques for 20 months
ANALYSIS: 14.5% alc/vol | 6.88 g/L TA | 3.30 pH

VINTAGE NOTES:

An early vintage due to the dry and warm summer. Autumn was warm to mild along with some cold nights. Overall the quality for our 2013 vintage was high.

WINEMAKING:

The Gryphon fruit was partially barrel fermented using a mix of French oak producers and forests, ensuring complexity while maintaining Penley's hallmark oak integration. Fermentation persisted for approximately 7-10 days at temperatures of 58-64° F, while traditional "heading down" tanks (open fermenters with submerged caps) were used to help maximize color, flavor and tannin extraction.

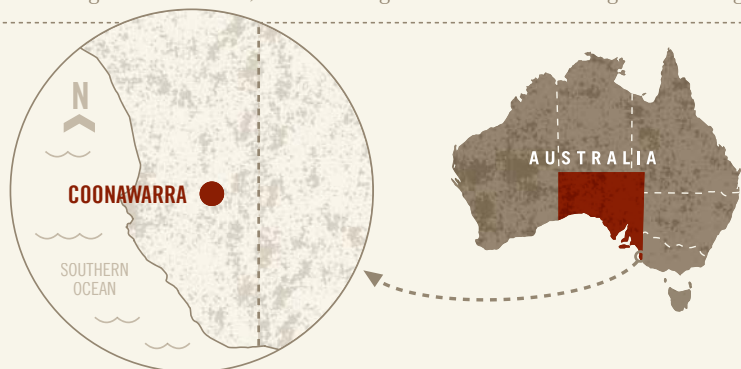
TASTING NOTES:

The bouquet is rich and complex with hints of violets, red berries and a fragrant aroma of creamy vanillin oak and Coonawarra's unique earthiness. Medium bodied with tight chalky acid accompanied by wild berry flavors and a complex leafiness. The tight grained French oak is assertive but will become more integrated and complex as the wine ages. A firm yet balance tannin structure matches the refinement and elegance of the wine.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 90 pts James Halliday's Australian Wine Companion, 87 pts Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate

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. His aim: to produce terroir-driven wines of true regional character; he is now regarded as one of the region's leading producers.



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