



## 2006 PENLEY ESTATE SPECIAL SELECT SHIRAZ

### Review Summary



**93 pts - Best of the Best by Variety** “Good red-purple; a complex medium-bodied wine with spice, earth, blackberry and plum fruit plus vanilla oak and fine tannins.”

**James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion  
2010**

**92 pts** “Bright ruby. Expansive bouquet of red and dark berry liqueur, Asian spices, dried violet and minerals. Lush, seductively sweet black raspberry and blueberry flavors coat the palate, picking up peppery spice and smoky mineral qualities with aeration. The finish strongly echoes the blueberry note and clings tenaciously. Shows surprising vivacity and clarity for such a rich, deep wine.”

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

**91 pts** “Aromas of tobacco, underbrush, lavender, game, and blueberry lead to a flavorful, mouth filling yet restrained Shiraz that has 3-5 years of aging potential.”

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

**90 pts** “Penley’s vineyards, towards the warmer north end of Coonawarra, consistently produce noteworthy Shiraz. It’s on the big size, at 15% alcohol, but structured, with bushels of mixed berries supported by cinnamon toast, brown sugar and a hint of mintiness.”

**Joe Czerwinski, Wine Enthusiast  
March 2010**

“We thought there wasn't much difference between most of the shiraz made in Australia - until we tasted this one. Very unique in its flavor profile, the Special Select is worth a look. An opulent, earthy burst of blackberries, mushrooms and anise gives way to blackberry and blueberry flavors accented by spice and mint. Tolley says he prefers the European style of this grape variety. It's fresh, not jammy, and with considerable character.”

**Tom Marquardt and Patrick Darr, Capital Gazette  
October 3, 2012**