



2008 PENLEY ESTATE RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Review Summary



95 pts/GOLD MEDAL

LA International Wine & Spirits Competition 2011

94 pts “Medium red-purple; a very well constructed and balanced wine, open-fermented and hand-plunged, then taken to barrel to complete the last stages of the primary fermentation before spending a further two years in barrel. This method means the complete integration of the oak with the fruit and ensures soft tannins.”

James Halliday
Australian Wine Companion 2012

93 pts “A serial over-delivery is Kym Tolley’s way of tackling things, and here the cool Coonawarra region in the warm 2008 vintage has been nicely threaded into shape. There’s plenty of cassis and cherry fruits, leafy elements, olives mint and cedary oak on the nose. The palate’s built on ripe fruit flesh, fine tannins and a decent sweep of shaved pencil oak. Very complete now, it will be a medium-term bet in the cellar. I’ve bumped this up a point from a previous tasting – it’s heading in the right direction.”

Nick Stock
2012 Good Wine Guide

92 pts “Matured for 20 months in 100% new French oak and 4 months in 2-year-old French oak, the 2008 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon displays a deep garnet color and nose of dried mulberries, mocha, creme de cassis, spice box, black olives and tobacco with an undercurrent of damp loam and game. Very full bodied, rich and opulent in the mouth, it has a medium to firm level of fine-grained tannins, a good line of acidity and a long, layered finish. Entering its drinking window now, it should remain good to 2020+.”

Lisa Perrotti-Brown, eRobertParker.com - Issue #199
February 2012

92 pts “A Cabernet Sauvignon based red, with lots of captivating currant and sweet tobacco character with hints of cedar and cigar box. Full and silky, with balance and finish.”

James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com
October 13, 2011



92 pts “Saturated ruby. Bordeaux-like aromas of redcurrant, cherry, licorice, bitter chocolate and tobacco, lifted by a floral nuance. Concentrated, dense and energetic, with tightly wound red fruit flavors and firm underlying structure. Finishes spicy, long and gently tannic, with captivating notes of bitter cherry and minerals. Shows classic cabernet character, as well as the balance to age.”

**Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer’s international Wine Cellar
July/August 2011**

91 pts “It’s slightly oversized to be truly a classic representation of Coonawarra Cabernet, but this wine still punches all the buttons, from cassis and cedar to mint and earth. It’s firmly structured, with a finish that manages to be dry, velvety and mouthwatering, all at the same time.”

**Joe Czerwinski, Wine Enthusiast
May 2012**

90 pts “This opaque and very dark purple colored Cabernet opens with fragrant blackberry and black cherry bouquet with a hint of smoke and raisin. On the palate, this wine is a fruit bomb. It is also medium bodied, balanced and juicy. The flavor profile is a black raspberry and red currant with notes with hints of oak, raisin and blueberry. The finish is dry and its moderate dusty tannins are lengthy and linger quite some time.”

**Ken Hoggins, KensWineGuide.com
March 2012**

GOLD Medal

Los Angeles Wine & Spirits Competition 2011

Very Highly Recommended “Astoundingly deep fruit and depth with great acidity, which is what keeps its nearly 15% alcohol under control.”

**Dan Berger, Vintage Experiences
March 22, 2012**

“Having spent 24 months in oak - 20 percent American - this dense, chewy wine has good complexity and body. Firm and needing time, it sports black cherry, cassis and mocha flavors with a touch of olives on the nose.”

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