



2009 PENLEY ESTATE PHOENIX CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Review Summary



94 pts “Bright crimson; by some distance, the best of the '09 Penley varieties, with redcurrant and blackcurrant fruit supported by quality cedary oak and fine tannins, the medium-bodied palate long and complete.”

**James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion
2012**

92 pts/Gold Medal

LA International Wine & Spirits Competition 2011

90 pts – Very Good+ “This slightly opaque and dark ruby colored Cabernet opens with a mild black raspberry bouquet with a hint of black cherry and leather. On the palate, this wine is medium bodied, balanced, savory and displays decent structure. The flavor profile is a mild dried cherry and plum blend with a hint of old oak. The finish is dry and its dusty tannins linger and are easy and comfortable. The panel suggested pairing this Cab with roast duck or spring rolls.”

**Ken Hoggins, KenseWineGuide.com
October 20, 2012**

90 pts – Editors' Choice “Penley's 2009 Phoenix offers classic cassis fruit, shored up by hints of mocha, vanilla and menthol. It's medium to full bodied, powerful yet elegant, with tannins that are firm but not unapproachable.”

**Joe Czerwinski, Wine Enthusiast
May 2012**

90 pts “Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2009 Phoenix Cabernet Sauvignon is scented of mint, dried herbs and underbrush over a core of warm cassis, black plums, pepper and cedar. Full bodied and with a good amount of taut, muscular fruit, it has a solid backbone of crisp acid and medium to firm level of grainy tannins, finishing long and pure. Approachable now, it should continue to drink to 2018.”

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



90 pts “It’s intense bouquet of cassis, mulberries and blackberries, dark chocolate oak and suggestions of briar precedes a plush, smooth and juicy palate packed with fruit and framed by fine, loose-knit tannin.”

**Jeremy Oliver, The Australian Wine Annual
2012**

88 pts – Best Buy “This currant-rich Coonawarra Cabernet is restrained in its aroma, then powerfully extracted in its flavors. It finishes sweet and a little youthfully bunt, needing six months or a year in bottle to mellow.”

**Joshua Greene, Wine & Spirits
October 2011**

87 pts “Deep ruby. Aromatic nose of redcurrant, cherry, herbs and black pepper. Penetrating red berry and bitter cherry flavors are lifted by lively acidity. Could use a bit more sweetness. The firm finish features dusty tannins, decent length and good grip.”

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

GOLD MEDAL

2011 Sommelier Challenge

“The 2009 Penley Phoenix Cabernet Sauvignon (\$20) offers a lot of value for a cabernet, with aromas of blackberry, cherry and tobacco on the big bouquet. Integrated flavors of blackberry, cedar and licorice dominate the front of the tongue while savory notes of grilled meat and cocoa linger on the finish.”

**Scott Greenberg, Washington Examiner – “The Best Values From Australia”
October 3, 2012**

“Phoenix was the name of the wine and distillery company purchased by founder Douglas Tolley in 1888. We liked the bold, fruit-forward character of the wine - not jammy, but still ripe in the nose and defined on the palate with dried herb aromas, fine tannins, blackberry fruit and a good dose of licorice and chocolate.”

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

“The entry-level cabernet from Penley, a family estate with a long tradition and impeccable pedigree, is consistently among the best-value reds from Coonawarra. It is delightfully fragrant with blackcurrant and ripe dark plum flavors, very soft and smooth on the palate yet with power, richness and concentration. The tannins are fine, ripe and substantial and so are balanced by the weight and flavor of the wine.”

**Peter Forrestal, Gourmet Traveller Wine
Oct/ Nov 2011**