



2008 PENLEY ESTATE SPECIAL SELECT SHIRAZ

Review Summary



94 pts “Strong, deep red-purple; a vineyard selection firstly, then a barrel selection; this is by far the best Penley wine in the current releases, with luscious blackberry and plum fruit backed by ripe tannins and quality oak all in balance.”

James Halliday
Australian Wine Companion
2012

93 pts “This has rolled through in tidy shape in 2008, showing plenty of ripe berries and a meaty, game-stock note; mint is in the mix, and there’s a good lash of oak to boot. The palate’s built on supple boysenberry and mulberry flavors, with vanillin oak, a little mocha and fine yet sturdy Coonawarra tannins. Good result.”

Nick Stock
2012 Good Wine Guide

92 pts “Vivid, jazzy and bracing, delivering a mouthful of cherry, black berry, coffee and liquorice flavours, with pebbly accents on the long, lively and expressive finish. The tannins are well-submerged. Drink now through 2020.”

Harvey Steiman
Wine Spectator
April 2011

91 pts “This opaque and onyx colored Shiraz opens with an inviting blackberry and cherry vanilla bouquet with hints of violets and plums. On the palate, this wine is full bodied, balanced, and savory. The flavor profile is a ripe black plum with notes of cinnamon. The panel also detected some black pepper and a touch of prunes. The finish is dry and its moderate tannins are nicely prolonged. The panel felt this wine could benefit from a bit of aging as it shows some long term potential. In the meantime they would pair it with chicken and sausage gumbo or spicy Thai dishes.”

Ken Hoggins
KensWineGuide.com
February 12, 2012



91 pts “Aged in 100% new French oak for 24 months, the 2008 Special Select Shiraz gives a very deep garnet-purple and an earthy, meaty, gamey character over notes of warm plums, blueberry preserves, cedar and bacon plus hints of truffles and tar. Full bodied with generous amount of earthy / savory flavors in the mouth, the flesh is well supported by a medium to firm level of rounded tannins and enlivening acid, finishing long. Still very youthful and tight-knit, it should drink best 2013 to 2020+.”

Lisa Perrotti-Brown
eRobertParker.com
February 2012

91 pts “Deep ruby. Fresh red and dark berry aromas are complicated by subtle smoke and herb qualities. Jammy raspberry and blackberry flavors boast very depth and sweetness, and show little trace of the wine's 100% new oak component. Closes on a refreshingly bitter note, with very good clarity and excellent length.”

Josh Raynolds
Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar
July/August 2011