



2009 PENLEY ESTATE GRYPHON MERLOT

Review Summary



90 pts “Bright red. Spicy red berries, rose and herbs on the nose. Light-bodied, refreshingly bitter strawberry and cherry flavors are silky and precise in a pinot-like way, with a hint of mint on the back half. A fairly refined merlot that finishes with gentle sweetness and very good smoky persistence. I wish that more New World merlots had this wine’s sweetness and light touch.”

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

89 pts – Top Merlots of 2012 “This Merlot from down under is medium-bodied, balanced, and juicy. The panel liked its unique flavor profile of a mineral-infused black plum with hints of cedar plank, mulberry, and rhubarb. The panel suggested serving this Aussie Merlot with coq au vin or tea smoked duck.”

Ken Hoggins
KensWineGuide.com
November 7, 2012

88 pts “Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2009 Gryphon Merlot has aromas of ripe plums, mulberries, and cloves plus hints of meat, tilled loam and game. The full bodied palate offers just enough savory fruit with a medium level of chewy tannins, very crisp acidity and a long earthy finish. Drink this one now through 2017.”

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

87 pts “Supple, expressive and distinctive for its roasted meat and cherry flavors, which linger nicely. Drink now through 2013.”

Harvey Steiman
Wine Spectator Online
2011



“Deeper and more complex, but equally lush in texture, Penley Estate “Gryphon” 2009 (\$20) from Coonawarra in South Australia tastes serious but not at all ponderous.”

Paul Lukacs
WineReviewOnline.com
July 15, 2014

“We never think of Australia when it comes to merlot, but this wine from Coonawarra was a pleasant surprise. Deep in color, it sports a generous floral and cherry bouquet followed by jammy plum and cherry fruit flavors. Soft mouthfeel and a dash of sweet vanillin oak.”

Tom Marquardt and Patrick Darr
Wine Guys, Gaston Gazette
February 14, 2012

