



2009 PENLEY ESTATE RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Review Summary



95 pts “This wonderfully complex Cabernet won the Best Red Wine in the Fifth Annual Palate Press Grand Tasting. It had beautiful floral and herbal aromas. Flavors on the palate were redcurrant, cigar box, tobacco, tar, eucalyptus, and a pantry full of spice. With time and air, it added new layers of lavender and licorice. Pair this handsome wine with game. Very Highly Recommended.”

David Honig
PalatePress.com
December 30, 2013

92 pts “Deep ruby. A heady bouquet evokes ripe dark berries, mocha and pungent flowers. Supple and sweet on entry, then more structured in the mid-palate, offering deep, chewy cassis and cherry liqueur flavors. Shows very good energy on the long, sappy finish, which echoes the pure dark berry qualities.”

Josh Reynolds
Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
July/August 2012

91 pts “Despite the relatively high alcohol, this comes across as a fairly classic Coonawarra Cabernet. Mint accents chocolate and cassis, and the wine is full bodied yet still seems a bit restrained on the palate. Firm tannins frame the dusty, appropriately drying finish.”

Joe Czerwinski
Wine Enthusiast
October 2014

90 pts – Very Good+ “This opaque and midnight blue colored Cabernet from down under opens with a mild blackberry bouquet with a hint boysenberry and oak. On the palate, this wine is full bodied, fruit forward and rich. The flavor profile is an extracted blackberry with hints of boysenberry and black cherry. The finish is dry and its lush flavors are nicely prolonged. This wine would be nice by the fireplace and will appeal to Shiraz fans.”

Ken Hoggins
KensWineGuide.com
May 29, 2013



90 pts “From Kym Tolley’s estate on Coonawarra’s narrow band of terra rossa soil, this is a cabernet with clean lines and earthy refinement. The fruit is ripe, in a black cherry and blueberry mode; the alcohol is not shy. But the wine feels finely tailored, a style Tolley picked up, perhaps, from his earlier career at Penfolds.”

Joshua Greene
Wine & Spirits Magazine
October 2012

90 pts “Deep garnet; a dark personality filled with mocha, cassis and a brambly complexity; the palate is dense and chewy, dark and a little bitter, with the structure sitting atop the fruit; time should see this resolved.”

James Halliday
Australian Wine Companion
2013

88 pts “Firm tannins and modest intensity combine with fresh cherry and spice flavors to form a deftly balanced Cabernet that should develop nicely with cellaring.”

Harvey Steiman
WineSpectator.com
2012

BEST RED WINE OF SHOW “Its aromas were resplendent with brushy herbs top-noted by eucalyptus and juniper. On the tongue the wine felt both bright and savory, with fine-grained tannins, lively acidity, and deep black currant fruit adding an earthy bass note. And the wine kept shifting, lifting now into anise and red berries, then settling back to tea and spice and earth. It was not exactly a seamless wine, mostly because it was so mercurial, yet it felt unified and whole. It was even better the next day after copious air. Here was a wine with panache and character, truly about its place, thoroughly engaging, and deftly crafted.”

Palate Press Grand Tasting Awards 2013

GOLD MEDAL **Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo International Wine Competition 2014**

GOLD MEDAL **Sommelier Challenge 2012**