



2009 PENLEY ESTATE CONDOR SHIRAZ CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Review Summary



91 pts “A full (and longer than usual) tasting note for this wine will be included in an upcoming book by James Halliday titled ‘1001 Wines Under \$20’, and will appear on the day of the release of the book, scheduled for 1 November 2011.”

James Halliday
Australian Wine Companion
2012

90 pts “Blended of 52% Shiraz and 48% Cabernet Sauvignon, the 2009 Condor Shiraz Cabernet presents a deep garnet-purple color and aromas of mint, cassis, warm blackberries and spice box over hints of chocolate and licorice. Full bodied, richly fruited and very minty in the mouth, it has a medium to firm level of finely grained tannins, crisp acid and a long finish. Drinking now, it should keep to 2017.”

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

90 pts – Best Buy “This has the sleek herbal and black currant profile of a Coonawarra Cabernet, enriched into a juicier texture by Shiraz. It’s a meaty ragu of a wine, well knit and ready to decant for braised lamb.”

Joshua Greene
Wine & Spirits
October 2011

88 pts “Penley Estate is one of the leading red wine makers in Coonawarra, a premium South Australia region for Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz. This blend of 52% Shiraz and 48% Cabernet Sauvignon was aged in a combination of French and American oak. It shows a deep purple-ruby color, going almost black at the core. The aromatics are forward ripe raspberry with a low intensity herbal accent. Rich and mouth-filling, it’s supported by big tannins and finishes with lots of oak and 14.5% alcohol. The Condor on the label should help this value red fly out the wine shop door.”

Gerald D. Boyd
WineReviewOnline.com
March 27, 2012



88 pts “Firm in texture, this medium weight red shows blueberry and herb flavors in equal measure, finely balanced to linger nicely.”

Harvey Steiman
Wine Spectator
December 15, 2011

88 pts “Medium ruby. Laid-back aromas of cherry and dark berries, with a hint of smokiness. This sappy, dry midweight offers gently sweet dark fruit flavors but also a slightly hard edge. Finishes with good length and a lingering note of bitter cherry.”

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

100 Best Australian Wines “With honed fruit and a long, dark, spicy palate, this briary wine is neither too heavy, too oaky, nor is it too furtively tannic for you to crack on now and experience its cultured fragrance and mellow palate. Condor sounds more threatening than it really is! This is another excellent and controlled piece of talented winemaking by the great Kym Tolley. I wish that we saw more of his work in the UK.”

Matthew Jukes
100 Best Australian Wines 2012
May 11, 2012

“I loved this wine. It featured a delicious dried cherry / raisin scent that reminded me of a fine Italian Amarone. This is a dense, rich, and powerful wine; I would expect nothing less from Australia. I sampled this wine over the course of three days, and it held up beautifully, a sign of a seriously structured wine.”

Frederick Thurber
The Wine Observer Blog
December 1, 2014

“2009 Penley Estates ‘Condor’ is a blend of 52% Shiraz and 48% Cab hailing from the Coonawarra region of Australia. This is my favorite red of the group. It was dark purple with a dark ruby rim. The wine exploded from the glass with jam, white peppercorns, and a little smokiness. On my palate the jam and white pepper continued and were joined by fresh dark berries with herbal notes. The tannins were soft and sultry with a little gravely astringency. The wine is ready now and it will continue being wonderful for a few years to come.”

Brian R. Jones
JonesingForWine.com
December 18, 2012