



## 2010 PENLEY ESTATE PHOENIX CABERNET SAUVIGNON

### Review Summary



**93 pts** “Vibrant deep crimson; a punchy and expressive cabernet bouquet with redcurrant, cassis, clove and olive on display; the palate is medium to full-bodied, fleshy and manages to create a long and even finish; designed for early consumption, but will stand the test of time in the medium term.”

**James Halliday**  
**Australian Wine Companion**  
**2013**

**90 pts** “Bright ruby. Deeply pitched aromas of cherry compote, cassis and smoky herbs. Supple and expansive, with intense dark fruit flavors that show appealing sweetness and an open-knit character. Dusty tannins add grip to a long, spicy and sharply focused finish. I like this wine's interplay of opulence and precision.”

**Josh Raynolds**  
**Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar**  
**July/August 2012**

**88 pts** “Deep garnet purple in color, the 2010 Phoenix Cabernet Sauvignon opens with aromas of cassis, warm blackberries and mulberries with hints of spice box, damp earth and pencil shavings. This medium to full-bodied wine has good core of muscular, herb-laced fruit supported by a medium to firm level of chewy tannins, refreshing acid and a long finish.”

**Lisa Perrotti-Brown**  
**Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate**  
**February 2013**

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“This is a big, muscular, distinct wine that will warm you on a cold winter night. It had a delicious dried cherry scent with a touch of oak and a light tannic smack. This is a big balanced wine reminiscent of a Napa Cab but at a remarkably low price (\$20).”

**Frederick Thurber**  
**The Wine Observer Blog**  
**December 1, 2014**

“A classic style of Cabernet Sauvignon, without the overblown fruit and alcohol. Fresh blackberry and strawberry on the nose, along with a hint of cedar. Linear tannins that soften in the midpalate, allowing flavors to transition from herbal notes to ripe dark fruit. Finish opens up with black pepper and allspice notes. All in all, this is composed and refined, drinking well above its price point... An excellent value-priced Cabernet. Focused on classical varietal flavors rather than decadent fruit. A nice surprise out of Coonawarra.”

**Keith S. Wallace**  
**Vinology.com**  
**April 3, 2014**

“The Penley Estate Phoenix Cabernet is another Australian gem. There is a distinct sweet herb characteristic, like mint that comes through on the nose, as well as the typical cabernet characteristics that come in a very balanced package. This cabernet is not too tannic or overwhelming which makes it an excellent pairing with a variety of foods!”

**Rachel Voorhees**  
**AllParenting.com**  
**September 24, 2013**