

2012 PENLEY ESTATE CONDOR SHIRAZ CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEMAKER: Kym Tolley
REGION: Coonawarra, South Australia
VARIETALS: Shiraz (65%), Cabernet Sauvignon (35%)
MATURATION: 15 months in 67% French and 33% American oak
ANALYSIS: 14.5% alc/vol | TA: 6.3 g/L | pH: 3.5

VINTAGE NOTES:

After a relatively wet winter, spring was quite dry. It was quite windy during flowering with above average temperatures resulting in reduced crops and smaller berries. Summer was dry but not overly hot. Warm dry days and cool nights prevailed throughout the latter part of summer and early autumn. Overall, 2012 will be considered an outstanding vintage.

WINEMAKING:

This wine is made with 100% estate fruit that was hand-picked and then fermented in headed-down open fermenters. The wine was then transferred to French and American oak barrels for 15 months of maturation prior to bottling at the winery.

TASTING NOTES:

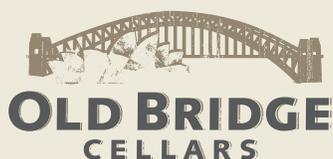
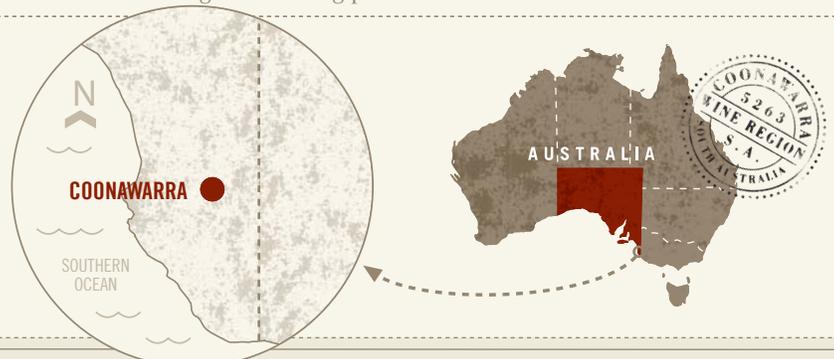
Opaque in color with some purple tints. Aromas and flavors of sweet berry and black cherry notes with a touch of mocha spice characters in tandem with complex vanillin oak and smokey overtones. The palate has a young but fine tannin structure, good mid palate richness and a sweet cedar menthol finish that will evolve with age.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

93 pts Australian Wine Companion, **90 pts** Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, **89+ pts** Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, **88 pts** Wine Spectator

ABOUT PENLEY ESTATE:

Penley Estate is located in the heart of Australia's greatest Cabernet wine region: Coonawarra. Owner Kym Tolley, a direct descendant of the pioneering Penfold and Tolley winemaking families, has over 25 years winemaking experience, including tutelage under Grange creator Max Schubert. Continuing a family tradition that spans five generations, Tolley established Penley in 1988 on Coonawarra's famed terra rossa soils, with the aim of producing terroir-driven wines of true regional character. Penley is now regarded as one of the region's leading producers.



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