

2016 PENLEY ESTATE ATLAS SHIRAZ



WINEMAKER: Kate Goodman
REGION: Coonawarra, South Australia
VARIETALS: Shiraz
MATURATION: 14 months maturation in French oak (15% new)
ANALYSIS: 14.5% alc/vol | 6.50 g/L TA | 3.60 pH

VINTAGE NOTES: The growing season was drier than average, and careful irrigation to optimize flavor development worked very well. Harvest was two weeks early and the result of a warmer than average October which advanced the whole season. There was a cooler finish with mild ripening conditions. Despite the early season, the time taken for berry development and ripening were in line, allowing adequate time for fruit to develop tannins and complexity.

TASTING NOTES: Ripe black and red fruits dominate the nose with notes of mulberries, plums, raspberries and blackberries. Cool climate spice notes of black pepper pop through the dense fruit, with a smattering of exotic cinnamon and star anise. Toasty oak notes underpinned the concentrated fruit adding an extra layer of complexity. The palate is medium bodied with great length and intensity. Structured, fine tannins build the palate which finishes bright and fresh.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 89 pts Wine Spectator

ABOUT PENLEY: Penley Estate is located in the heart of one of Australia's greatest Cabernet wine regions: Coonawarra. Established in 1988 by the direct descendants of the pioneering Penfold and Tolley winemaking families, Coonawarra's famed Terra Rossa soils were selected for their ability to produce terroir-driven wines of true regional character. The Estate is now widely regarded as one of the region's leading producers.

