

# 2018 PENLEY ESTATE HELIOS CABERNET SAUVIGNON



**WINEMAKER:** Kate Goodman  
**REGION:** Coonawarra, South Australia  
**VARIETALS:** Cabernet Sauvignon  
**MATURATION:** 16 months maturation in French oak (40% new) followed by 6 months in stainless steel  
**ANALYSIS:** 14.0% alc/vol | 5.9 g/L TA | 3.59 pH

**VINTAGE NOTES:** Wet conditions following the end of the 2017 vintage carried on through winter and spring with above average rainfall for the start of the 2018 season. In the Penley Estate vineyards steps were taken to ensure optimum canopies for the conditions. Shoot thinning was employed to improve canopy microclimate where necessary. Existing populations of native grasses and cover crops were left to grow and these competed with vines for moisture, restricting vine growth and keeping shoots from growing beyond ideal length and density.

**TASTING NOTES:** Powerful yet restrained, the combination of dark fruits, savory notes and focused tannin results in a pure expression of Cabernet Sauvignon. A complex nose full of blackcurrant, plum, licorice and supporting savory French oak. The palate is concentrated and layered driven by a core of succulent fruit and structural balanced tannin. A medium bodied framework – driven by a savory, earthy tannin profile. A wine with excellent length and persistence. This wine can be enjoyed now, but will also reward those patient enough to cellar.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** Not yet reviewed.

**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.

