

PENLEY ESTATE

2004 Chardonnay

Region:

Coonawarra, Australia

Variety:

Chardonnay

Maturation:

French oak barriques

Technical Analysis:

14% alc./vol.

**Background:**

Winemaker, Kym Tolley, with over 25 years of winemaking experience and a direct descendent of the famous Penfold wine family, founded the estate in 1988 in the heart of Coonawarra. The Phoenix name recognizes the first winemaking company purchased by Douglas Austral Tolley, purchased in 1888. This company began in 1858 as *"The Phoenix Winemaking and Distilling Company"*, in Stepney, South Australia. D.A Tolley's great grandson, Kym Tolley, has continued the unbroken family winemaking tradition.

Vintage/Tasting Notes:

A very cool but dry January delayed veraison and a wet March delayed completion of harvest well into May. However this long, cool maturation period produced intense flavours, aromatics and colours.

The 2004 Chardonnay is a stylish wine with soft, discernible fruit, clean acid and a subtle oak background. The complexity of flavor, oak and acid make this an excellent food wine.

The aroma is emphasized by melon, grass, and tropical fruits with a hint of French oak. The flavors are soft and smooth with lingering melon characteristics. The oak is subtle but discernible, enhancing the wine without overpowering it.

Drink now or cellar up to three years for additional complexity.



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