

COONAWARRA
PENLEY ESTATE
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2008 PENLEY ESTATE PHOENIX CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEMAKER: Kym Tolley
REGION: Coonawarra, South Australia
VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon
MATURATION: A portion was barrel fermented, followed by 18 months maturation in 25% new French oak
ANALYSIS: 15% alc/vol | 6.3g/L TA | 3.47 pH

VINTAGE NOTES:

A wet winter of 2007 provided ample water to set the vines off to a favorable start for budburst. Spring was mainly dry despite a few helpful patches of drizzle, and the summer that followed provided hot and dry conditions necessary for achieving optimum phenological ripening of Cabernet Sauvignon grapes in this region. Coonawarra's cool nights also prevailed, allowing for bright acidity and impressive structure to balance the ripe fruit.

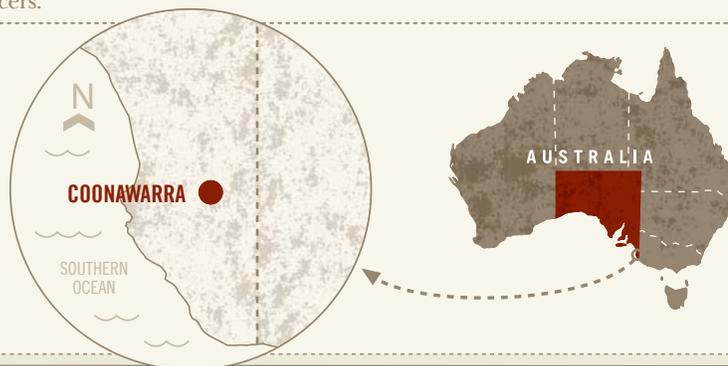
TASTING NOTES:

The Phoenix name recognizes the first winemaking company purchased by Douglas Tolley in South Australia in 1888, the 'The Phoenix Winemaking and Distilling Company'. The 2008 Phoenix Cabernet Sauvignon leads with concentrated cassis fruit and cigar box spice with a touch of graphite and layered violet notes. The youthful palate sings of Cabernet Sauvignon, showing ripe wild berries and brambly notes with elegant cedar oak weaving through the long, focused finish. Impeccable balance, typical Cabernet structure and bright acidity will see this wine age gracefully for many years to come.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 90 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, 89 pts Wine Spectator, 89 pts Wine Enthusiast

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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