

2021 PENLEY ESTATE FRANCIS CABERNET FRANC

Penley.



WINEMAKER: Kate Goodman and Lauren Hansen
REGION: Coonawarra, South Australia
VARIETALS: Cabernet Franc
MATURATION: Stainless steel
ANALYSIS: 14.5% alc/vol | 6.1 g/L TA | 3.61 pH

VINTAGE NOTES: 2021 was excellent in terms of vine balance, yield and therefore quality! Weather throughout the growing season was mild, with few extremes of heat or cold. We experienced early shoot development, flowering and then a lengthy ripening period. In terms of these seasonal conditions, it might be said that it's been the most representative Coonawarra season in the last 20 years! In terms of harvest, vine balance was represented by optimum yields and complex flavors resulting from well developed and maintained canopies.

WINEMAKER NOTES: The grapes are picked by hand and immediately transported the short distance to the winery. 30% were kept as whole bunches. The wine sees no oak and is bottled young and fresh.

TASTING NOTES: This nouveau-style Cabernet Franc jumps from the glass all fragrance and fruit. Milk chocolate, turkish delight and a subtle hint of herbs join with deeply intense cherry fruit. The palate is soft, supple and intensely flavorsome. A core of rolling blackberry brambles slides across your palate, bookended with fine chalky tannin. Delicate whole bunch notes add complexity and depth to the profile. This is a fragrant, delicious expression of Cabernet Franc made for immediate enjoyment.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 95 pts Halliday Wine Companion, 91 pts James Suckling

ABOUT PENLEY: Penley - also known as 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. Penley is now widely regarded as one of the region's leading producers, and is committed to reducing its environmental footprint, from moving toward organic vineyard practices, through to their selection of lightweight glass for bottles.

