

2012 PENLEY ESTATE PHOENIX CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Review Summary



92 pts – Editors’ Choice “Full bodied and richly textured, this is an approachable wine that should nonetheless drink well through at least 2025. Toasted coconut accents cassis and blackberry fruit, folding in hints of vanilla on the long, mouthwatering finish.”

Joe Czerwinski
Wine Enthusiast
March 2015

92 pts “Bright, youthful hue; an appealing medium-bodied palate brings cassis, spice and cedary French oak onto centre stage, tannins in the wings. A good commercial cabernet from the right region.”

James Halliday
Australian Wine Companion
2015

90 pts “Youthful purple color. Vibrant redcurrant and cherry scents are complemented by peppery spice and mineral nuances. Lively red berry and bitter cherry flavors become sweeter with air and pick up a smoky quality. Finishes tangy and incisive, with excellent cling and smooth mounting tannins.”

Josh Raynolds
Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar
July/August 2014

90 pts

Wine Showcase Magazine
July 2014

89 pts “Medium to deep garnet-colored, the 2012 Phoenix Cabernet Sauvignon is intensely scented of crushed black and red currants with nuances of eucalyptus, cedar and dried herbs. Medium to full-bodied, it fills the palate with youthful black currant flavors supported by a firm backbone of grainy tannins and lively acid, finishing long.”

Lisa Perrotti-Brown
Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate
May 2014



88 pts “Vibrant, taut and focused, with cedary overtones to the black currant and black pepper flavors, lingering on the toasty finish.”

Harvey Steiman
Wine Spectator
June 2014

88 pts – Very Good “This opaque and very dark ruby colored Cabernet Sauvignon from Penley opens with a mild black raspberry and gentle green olive bouquet. On the palate, this wine is medium bodied, balanced and easy to drink. The flavor profile is a mild mineral infused red currant with hints of cedar and black cherry. The finish is dry and its moderate tannins are sticky and linger for a while. This Cab would pair well with bacon burgers.”

Ken Hoggins
KensWineGuide.com
December 30, 2014

GOLD MEDAL

China Wine & Spirits Awards Best Value 2014

“One of the most remarkable wines of the night for me was the Penley Estate Cabernet. This was a classic Cab, rich, dark, and fragrant. It reminded me of some of the \$60 Napa Cabs from the Newport show, but it retails for only \$20.”

Frederick Thurber
Blogs.SouthCoastToday.com – The Wine Observer
October 12, 2014