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2016 PENLEY ESTATE PHOENIX CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEMAKER : Kate Goodman
REGION : Coonawarra, South Australia
VARIETALS : Cabernet Sauvignon
MATURATION : 12 months maturation in French oak (5% new)
ANALYSIS : 14.5% alc/vol | 6.67 g/L TA | 3.63 pH

VINTAGE NOTES :

The growing season was drier than average, and careful irrigation to optimize flavor development worked very well. Harvest was two weeks early and the result of a warmer than average October which advanced the whole season. There was a cooler finish with mild ripening conditions. Despite the early season, the time taken for berry development and ripening were in line, allowing adequate time for fruit to develop tannins and complexity.

TASTING NOTES :

A bouquet of dark, berried, inky fruit with plenty of sawdusty/smoky oak. Vibrant flavors of fresh blackcurrant and cassis are complemented by bay leaf and toasted oak on the palate. The tannins are well-integrated and fine-grained. This is a complete and harmonious wine with great persistence of flavor. Bright and delicious, speaking of contemporary Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon. Ready to drink now or for enjoying the rewards of cellaring for the next 5-7 years.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

93 pts/Smart Buy/Top 100 #28 Wine Spectator

ABOUT PENLEY ESTATE :

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.



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