



2015 PENLEY ESTATE PHOENIX CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Review Summary



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92 pts “Most red drinkers will thoroughly enjoy this. It offers plenty of dark, berried, inky fruit; plenty of sawdusty/smoky oak; and while it’s warm with alcohol it remains smooth, supple and persistent. In other words, it ticks the boxes most red wine drinkers are looking to have ticked. Indeed it’s excellent value. It’s all blackcurrants, bay leaves and aforementioned oak. Tannin is fine-grained. It’s one of the more positive reds I’ve seen come out of Penley Estate in some time.”

Campbell Mattinson
The Wine Front
December 14, 2016

91+ pts “Deep garnet-purple in color, 2015 Phoenix Cabernet Sauvignon is redolent of crème de cassis, licorice and dark chocolate with hints of dried mint, earth and tapenade. Medium to full-bodied, it fills the palate with generous black fruit and menthol flavors. Structured with a firm backbone, it finishes with great length.”

Lisa Perrotti-Brown
Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate
August 2017

91 pts/BEST BUY “Defining Coonawarra in the cool, herbal tone of its ripeness, this offers finely textured tannins and gossamer layers of spice. There’s a fresh tobacco richness that lasts, placing the wine next to lamb chops.”

Joshua Greene
Wine & Spirits Magazine
October 2017



90 pts “This wine comes out of the gate with mint and graphite notes over a core of ripe blackberry, raspberry, dark chocolate and woody, earthy spice. The palate is laced with drying, grainy tannins and a good lick of acidity to balance the ripe fruit. Coonawarra’s classic power and richness are tempered by a bouncy, youthful approach in this wine.”

Christina Pickard
Wine Enthusiast
February 2019

90 pts/TOP 100 WINES OF 2017 – #48 “Dense tannins and flavors are packed into this wine, with briny Kalamata olive and black licorice nuances to the core of plum, cassis, sage, tobacco and cedar flavors, which fan out on the finish.”

MaryAnn Worobiec
Wine Spectator
December 31, 2017

89 pts “The fruit for this cuvee was 100% estate grown and aged for 18 months in a combination of old and new French oak, giving a full-weighted cabernet of tangy red and black currant fruit flavors, licorice, clove and star anise, strung across a beam of firm, brittle astringency. There is plenty of generosity here...”

James Halliday
Australian Wine Companion
2018

89 pts – Very Good “This opaque and dark ruby colored Cabernet Sauvignon from Australia opens with a spearmint and black currant bouquet. On the palate, this wine is medium bodied, slight acidic and juicy. The flavor profile is a red currant and plum blend with notes of with hints of mild pomegranate and thyme. The finish dry and its flavors drift away nicely. This Cab is very food friendly and would pair well with grilled Italian sweet sausage sandwich.”

Ken Hoggins
KensWineGuide.com
December 8, 2017