

## 2018 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:** 14.0% alc/vol | 6.01 g/L TA | 3.57 pH

**VINTAGE NOTES:** Wet conditions following the end of the 2017 vintage carried on through winter and spring with above average rainfall for the start of the 2018 season. In the Penley Estate vineyards steps were taken to ensure optimum canopies for the conditions. Shoot thinning was employed to improve canopy microclimate where necessary. Existing populations of native grasses and cover crops were left to grow and these competed with vines for moisture, restricting vine growth and keeping shoots from growing beyond ideal length and density.

**TASTING NOTES:** A complex bouquet, layered with dark fruits at its core. Hints of plum, blackberry and star anise with a dusting of dark chocolate. The palate is intense and long supported by generous savory tannins that coat the mouth. A delicious contemporary Cabernet.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 92 pts JamesSuckling.com, 91 pts Wine Spectator

**ABOUT PENLEY:** 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.

