



## 2016 PENLEY ESTATE PHOENIX CABERNET SAUVIGNON

### Review Summary



**93 pts/Top 100 of 2018 – #28/Smart Buy** “Dense, with sink-your-teeth-into-them tannins and concentration to the plum, cassis and blackberry flavors. Sage and rosemary accents linger in the background. Strikes the right note between power and elegance, with grace notes of eucalyptus, black tea and tobacco lingering on the velvety finish.”

**MaryAnn Worobiec**  
Wine Spectator  
December 31, 2018

**91 pts** “It comes with a high alcohol reading but it seems to pull it off. In fact the finish isn't overly warm and while there's some thinning there the curranty flavor of the palate and the spread of tannin keep your taste buds diverted. Heft and structure on offer here is very good, especially given the relatively modest price.”

**James Halliday**  
Halliday Wine Companion  
2019

**91 pts** “Penley's 2016 Phoenix Cabernet Sauvignon has come together nicely, yielding up balanced aromas of cedar, tobacco and cassis. It's medium to full-bodied, velvety and smooth, capturing the elusive cigar-box character as well as any New World Cabernet I've tasted recently, while remaining fruity and generous..”

**Joe Czerwinski**  
Robert Parker Wine Advocate  
May 14, 2020

**90 pts – Very Good+** “This midnight purple colored Cabernet Sauvignon from down under opens with fragrant black currant and blackberry bouquet. On the palate, this wine is medium to full bodied, balanced and very smooth. The flavor profile is a flinty mineral infused blackberry and black currant blend with notes of oak and black tea mixed in. The finish is dry and its flavors and moderate fine tannins drift away nicely. This Cab is food friendly and would pair well with beef bourguignon in the near term.”

**Ken Hoggins**  
KensWineGuide.com  
July 21, 2018