

2018 PENLEY ESTATE TOLMER CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Review Summary



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94 pts/EDITORS' CHOICE “The female clad label on this wine is both elegant and fierce, a reflection of the rock star team of women responsible for the liquid inside. This wine walks a deft line between power and restraint, layering flavors of plush dark berries with graphite, mint, bay leaf, black olive and earthy spice. The palate is linear and tightly knit with chalky tannins that lend length and complexity.”

Christina Pickard
Wine Enthusiast
August 14, 2020

94 pts “Open-fermented, some components held on skins for extended maceration for up to 30 days, matured in French oak (35% new) for 12 months. A particularly pleasing Coonawarra cabernet from a very good vintage. The balance of fruit, oak and tannins is right on the money, with cassis, Coonawarra mulberry and cedar.”

James Halliday
Halliday Wine Companion
August 1, 2020

93 pts/TOP VALUE “Dense and toothsome, with sink-your-teeth-into-them tannins that add a wonderful richness and density to the generous flavors of dark chocolate-covered coffee bean, kirsch, sage and cassis. The harmony keeps building on the finish.”

MaryAnn Worobiec
Wine Spectator
June 24, 2020

91 pts “The 2018 Tolmer Cabernet Sauvignon boasts classic cassis aromas, tinged with mint and cedar. It’s medium-bodied and slightly dusty on the palate, with a fine sense of proportion and balance. Not heavy or overly rich, it provides plenty of flavor while finishing fresh and clean.”

Joe Czerwinski
Robert Parker Wine Advocate
May 14, 2020