

2018 PENLEY ESTATE

TOLMER CABERNET SAUVIGNON



WINEMAKER: Kate Goodman
REGION: Coonawarra, South Australia
VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon
MATURATION: 12 months maturation in French oak (30% new) followed by 6 months in stainless steel
ANALYSIS: 14.0% alc/vol | 6.5 g/L TA | 3.56 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: Fragrant and bright on the nose. Blackcurrant, anise and violet fruit flavors are framed by savory notes of French oak. The palate shows intensity, without heaviness, the generous core of juicy fruit is well framed by integrated chalky tannins on a seamless finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 94 pts/Editors' Choice Wine Enthusiast, 93 pts/Top Value 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.

