

2018 PENLEY ESTATE

ATLAS SHIRAZ



WINEMAKER: Kate Goodman
REGION: Coonawarra, South Australia
VARIETALS: Shiraz
MATURATION: 50% of the wine was matured 12 months in seasoned French oak, the other 50% in stainless steel
ANALYSIS: 14.0% alc/vol | 6.2 g/L TA | 3.65 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: Fresh and modern, this Coonawarra Shiraz shows a fragrant bouquet of mulberry, licorice and blood plum. The palate is juicy, vibrant and generous, with a medium bodied frame. A core of dark fruit is supported by supple soft tannins.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 88 pts/Best Buy -Wine & Spirits, 88 pts Halliday Wine Companion

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.

