

2019 PENLEY ESTATE FRANCIS CABERNET FRANC

Review Summary



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92 pts/EDITORS' CHOICE "This wine shows oodles of bright cherry, clove and star anise, with a soft floral note and a hint of reduction. The palate is medium in weight, but with a feathery quality to the fruit, raspy tannins and a powdery texture. At the close, it shows a lovely, long finish that tastes like Chinese Five spice. Layered, likable and full of personality, this makes for fun, youthful drinking now, but should age until 2030 at least."

Christina Pickard
Wine Enthusiast
October 19, 2020

89 pts "40% whole berry fermentation, 30% whole bunch foot-stomped, 30% whole bunch carbonic maceration (60% whole bunch). Berate Penley if it doesn't add up. No oak. Over to you - don't be scared."

James Halliday
Halliday Wine Companion
August 1, 2020

88 pts/TOP VALUE "Terrific savory herbal notes of bay leaf and fresh sage add peppery details to the core of cassis and plum flavors, with cedar and spice accents and fine-grained tannins."

MaryAnn Worobiec
Wine Spectator
June 31, 2020