

2020 PENLEY ESTATE

FRANCIS CABERNET FRANC



WINEMAKER: Kate Goodman
REGION: Coonawarra, South Australia
VARIETALS: Cabernet Franc
MATURATION: Stainless steel
ANALYSIS: 13.5% alc/vol | 5.5 g/L TA | 3.67 pH

VINTAGE NOTES: The 2019/2020 growing season provided challenges throughout, displaying compression of season, extremes of temperature and then a global pandemic at the time of harvest! In spite of this quality of fruit was excellent and as an initial indicator as to why, the general “pattern” of the season’s weather can be observed as following a normal trend for Coonawarra. In spite of some variability in bunch numbers and fruit weight, the season overall resulted in good vine balance and the fruit looked fantastic throughout.

WINEMAKER NOTES: The grapes are picked by hand and immediately transported the short distance to the winery. 40% were kept as whole bunches and 30% of the berries underwent complete carbonic maceration. The wine sees no oak and is bottled young and fresh.

TASTING NOTES: Youthful, modern and vibrant. This unoaked Cabernet Franc is driven by its fragrant fruit profile. Bursting with complex whole bunch characters, violets, Turkish delight and spice. The palate is juicy and delicious, with a textural framework of tannin supporting the core of intensely flavored fruit. A generous and flavorsome wine for any occasion.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 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.

