

# 2019 PENLEY ESTATE

## HELIOS CABERNET SAUVIGNON



**WINEMAKER:** Kate Goodman  
**REGION:** Coonawarra, South Australia  
**VARIETALS:** Cabernet Sauvignon  
**MATURATION:** 18 months maturation in French oak (40% new)  
**ANALYSIS:** 14.5% alc/vol | 6.6 g/L TA | 3.50pH

**VINTAGE NOTES:** Weather throughout the ripening period was excellent for quality, with cool nights leading into warm days. Rainfall during the winter was sufficient to provide sufficient soil moisture for canopy establishment. Rainfall in November and December increased disease pressure and required vigilance in terms of spraying and monitoring. This rain and the associated weather conditions are most likely the cause of poor flowering and set in Cabernet, which unfortunately meant that good bunch numbers didn't come to high yields.

**TASTING NOTES:** An excellent example of contemporary Coonawarra Cabernet. Powerful yet restrained, this is a wine of great concentration. A complex nose full of cassis, mulberry, violets and licorice. The palate is bold, generous and seductive. Driven by a core of succulent fruit and savory textural tannin providing superb length. A medium bodied framework – driven by a savory, earthy tannin profile. A wine with excellent length and persistence. This wine can be enjoyed now, but will also reward those patient enough to cellar.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 97 pts Halliday Wine Companion, 95 pts JamesSuckling.com

**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.

