

2020 PENLEY ESTATE PHOENIX CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Review Summary



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93 pts “Elegant, showing appealing, firm earthy notes to the star anise, green cardamom and cigar box spiciness, with a touch of Dutch cocoa powder. Reveals spiced plum, cassis and kirsch flavors that are plump and velvety, with a long finish.”

MaryAnn Worobiec
Wine Spectator
July 13, 2022

92 pts “...Satisfying. The fruit is everything from pepperberries, blackberries, mulberries, some cassis, licorice, aniseed, fennel flower, flat-leaf parsley and bay leaf. In the mouth the wine is decidedly red fruited, straying into the raspberry and pomegranate space. Delicious drinking for the price, and immaculate packaging to boot. Compelling.”

Erin Larkin
Halliday Wine Companion
April 18, 2022

92 pts “This is a bright, youthful cabernet with aromas of plums, redcurrants, tobacco and earth. Picked early for freshness. Medium-bodied with little oak impact, a red-plum core and a juicy, drinkable feel.”

Nick Stock
JamesSuckling.com
October 6, 2021

90 pts “This is a rich, somewhat oak-forward vintage of Phoenix. The plush blackberry, mint and peppery spice is overlain by the vanilla-chocolate barrel influence. Tannins are powerful but fine and spice laden, adding gravitas to an otherwise easy-drinking, tangy Cab with regional and varietal expression.”

Christina Pickard
Wine Enthusiast
October 18, 2022