

2020 PENLEY ESTATE

PHOENIX CABERNET SAUVIGNON



WINEMAKER: Kate Goodman
REGION: Coonawarra, South Australia
VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon
MATURATION: 12 months in French oak (5% new)
ANALYSIS: 14.4% alc/vol | 6.5 g/L TA | 3.63 pH

VINTAGE NOTES: The 2019/20 growing season provided challenges throughout, including 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. Regardless of some variability in bunch numbers and fruit weight, the season overall resulted in good vine balance and the fruit looked fantastic throughout.

TASTING NOTES: The nose shows a complex bouquet of black fruits and varietal herbs: blood plum, blackcurrant, anise and fresh thyme with a glimpse of purple flowers. The palate is medium-bodied with a juicy core of ripe fruit flavors. The finely integrated influence of French oak complements the seamless powdery tannins giving rise to a long, satisfying finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 93 pts Wine Spectator, 92 pts JamesSuckling.com, 92 pts Halliday Wine Companion, 90 pts Wine Enthusiast

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.

