

## 2021 PENLEY PHOENIX CABERNET SAUVIGNON

# Penley.



**WINEMAKER:** Kate Goodman & Lauren Hansen  
**REGION:** Coonawarra, South Australia  
**VARIETALS:** Cabernet Sauvignon  
**MATURATION:** 12 months in French oak (5% new)  
**ANALYSIS:** 14.5% alc/vol | 6.2 g/L TA | 3.5 pH

**VINTAGE NOTES:** 2021 was excellent in terms of vine balance, yield and therefore quality! Weather throughout the growing season was mild, with few extremes of heat or cold. We experienced early shoot development, flowering and then a lengthy ripening period. In terms of these seasonal conditions, it might be said that it's been the most representative Coonawarra season in the last 20 years! In terms of harvest, vine balance was represented by optimum yields and complex flavors resulting from well developed and maintained canopies.

**TASTING NOTES:** On the nose, a complex bouquet emerges, full of black fruits and varietal herbs: evocative blood plum, blackcurrant, anise and fresh thyme with a glimpse of purple flowers. The wine is medium-bodied in structure with a juicy core of ripe fruit flavors. Integrated French oak notes complement the seamless tannins giving rise to a long satisfying finish.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 92 pts JamesSuckling.com, 91 pts Robert Parker Wine Advocate, 91 pts Halliday Wine Companion

**ABOUT PENLEY:** Penley - also known as 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. Penley is now widely regarded as one of the region's leading producers, with winemaker Kate Goodman awarded *Halliday Wine Companion Winemaker of the Year 2024*, with a 5-Star rating for the winery. It's also committed to reducing its environmental footprint, from moving toward organic vineyard practices, to the lightweight bottles. In 2023, the winery and vineyards were certified by Sustainable Winegrowing Australia.

