

## 2022 PENLEY ESTATE FRANCIS CABERNET FRANC

# Penley.



**WINEMAKER:** Kate Goodman  
**REGION:** Coonawarra, South Australia  
**VARIETALS:** Cabernet Franc  
**MATURATION:** Stainless steel  
**ANALYSIS:** 13.5% alc/vol | 5.4 g/L TA | 3.49 pH

**VINTAGE NOTES:** Vintage 2022 was excellent in terms of vinebalance, yield and therefore quality! Weather throughout the growing season was mild, with few extremes of heat or cold. Penley experienced early shoot development, flowering and then a lengthy ripening period. In terms of these seasonal conditions, it may have 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.

**WINEMAKER NOTES:** The grapes are picked by hand and immediately transported the short distance to the winery. 30% were kept as whole bunches for fermentation in small open containers. The wine sees no oak and is bottled young and fresh.

**TASTING NOTES:** The wine approaches aromatically with blue and purple fruits, florals, fragrant raspberry leaf, red licorice and anise. The palate is crunchy, bright and flavorsome, featuring powdery, fine tannins and a core of juicy red fruits, pink peppercorn, violet and spice. This is a satisfying modern, drink-now style that will also reward medium term cellaring.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 90 pts Robert Parker Wine Advocate, 90 pts JamesSuckling.com

**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, and is committed to reducing its environmental footprint, from moving toward organic vineyard practices, through to their selection of lightweight glass for bottles. In 2023, the winery and vineyards were certified sustainable by Sustainable Winegrowing Australia.

