

2020 PENLEY ESTATE HELIOS CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Penley.



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

VINTAGE NOTES: The 2019/20 growing season provided challenges throughout, including extremes of temperature and then a global pandemic at the time of harvest. Yet the quality of fruit was excellent. In spite of some variability in bunch numbers and fruit weight, the season overall resulted in good vine balance and the fruit looked fantastic throughout - small berries, great fruit concentration and lovely tannins.

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 medium-bodied framework is built by the textural tannins. The palate is bold, generous and seductive, driven by a core of succulent fruit providing superb length and persistence, with just enough earthy tannin for balance. This wine can be enjoyed now, but will also reward those patient enough to cellar.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 97 pts/Special Value Halliday Wine Companion, 95 Robert Parker Wine Advocate, 92 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 families of the pioneering Penfolds and Tolleys, 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, to their selection of lightweight glass for bottles. In 2023, the winery and vineyards were certified sustainable by Sustainable Winegrowing Australia, and in this same year, winemaker Kate Goodman was named 2024 Winemaker of the Year by Halliday Wine Companion.

