

2022 PENLEY

PHOENIX CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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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: Coonawarra experienced another strong vintage in 2022 with stable conditions, high-quality fruit and moderate to good yields. Overall, it was a mild growing season, with no prolonged heat; perfect ripening conditions for Cabernet Sauvignon. October and November were cooler than average before warming up in late November, resulting in a very even fruit set. January temperatures were slightly above average then returned to normal throughout February and March. 2022 points to a good vintage with good fruit expression and tannins across all reds, with Cabernet Sauvignon as a standout variety.

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: Not yet rated. 2021: 92 pts/Cellar Selection Wine Enthusiast, 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.

