

Penley.

PENLEY ESTATE

Coonawarra, South Australia

"I've been tracking the developments at Penley over the past few years, and there's been a compelling sense of revival, an energy and vibrancy to the wines. But the latest vintages and current release – not to mention the simplification of the name – have taken Penley to another level." -Max Allen, Wine Columnist, *The Financial Times Australia* February 2023



Kate Goodman

OWNER: The Tolley Family

FOUNDED: 1988

WINEMAKER: Kate Goodman

SIZE: 410 acres, 240 vineyard acres

TRELLISING: Vertical Shoot Positioning

ANNUAL RAINFALL: 23 inches

HARVEST: March to early May

CLIMATE: Continental climate with cold winters and cool summer night temperatures

SOILS: Terra Rossa - red topsoil, 4 to 20 inches deep, over a bed of soft, free-draining limestone

VARIETIES PLANTED: Cabernet Sauvignon (164 acres), Shiraz (45 acres), Chardonnay (5 acres), Merlot (20 acres), Pinot Noir (6 acres)

STEWARDSHIP: Penley winery and vineyards are certified sustainable by **Sustainable Winegrowing Australia** in 2023

WEBSITE: www.penley.com.au



Penley's vineyards among the flat, expansive plains of Coonawarra.



PROFILE: Penley, also known as Penley Estate, is located in the center of Australia's most famous Cabernet region: Coonawarra. Continuing a family tradition that spans five generations, the winery was established in 1988 when the Tolley children continued the winemaking heritage of their pioneering families, Penfold and Tolley, both storied names in the Australian wine industry.

In 1844, Mary Penfold defied stereotypes and was the driving force behind the establishment of McGill Estate. Similarly, from 1948-1961, Gladys Penfold Hyland was Penfold's Chairman of the Board. Their descendants, sisters Bec and Ang Tolley, now run Penley and the estate, proudly channeling the might of their ancestors.

Penley's 240 acres of vineyards were planted atop Coonawarra's "terra rossa" soils with the aim of producing terroir-driven wines with distinctive regional character,

and are now regarded as one of the region's leading Cabernet and Shiraz producers.

VITICULTURE: Coonawarra is known for its unique terra rossa soils – a thin band of vivid red earth overlaying soft limestone that runs 9 miles long by 1.5 miles wide. Soils and climate alike are ideal for viticulture: mineral-rich and free-draining earth meets with cold winters and a long, cool ripening season, allowing the grapes to slowly develop flavor and tannin ripeness. Goodman pursues a water deficit program promoting water stress prior to veraison, followed by sufficient moisture to see the vines continue functioning throughout the late fall harvest. In conjunction with hand pruning, this program ensures balanced vines with healthy canopies and crops of small, intensely flavored berries at yields of around two tons per acre.

THE WINES

With a track record dating back to 1890, the Coonawarra region finds its greatest expression in Cabernet Sauvignon. Penley's dedication to excellence continues to heighten this reputation, garnering acclaim for their wines around the world, and awarded **Halliday Wine Companion Winemaker of the Year 2024 for Kate Goodman**, with a 5-Star rating for the winery.

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Helios Cabernet Sauvignon

A wine with many years of cellaring potential. A powerful yet restrained combination of concentrated cassis, dark fruits and earth. A complex and dense nose of ripe plums and sandalwood notes. Full bodied with great concentration and depth, finishing with a velvety smooth tannin profile. This is a wine of incredible vibrancy, richness, and finesse.

Steyning Cabernet Sauvignon

A Reserve wine, featuring focused aromas of black olive, cassis, mulberry leather and dark chocolate. The concentrated fruit notes, integrated cedar characters and length are bolstered by brooding savory tannins.

Tolmer Cabernet Sauvignon

Fragrant and bright on the nose. Blackcurrant, anise and violet fruit flavors are framed by savory notes of French oak. The palate shows intensity, without heaviness and the generous core of juicy fruit is well framed by integrated chalky tannins on a seamless finish.

Phoenix Cabernet Sauvignon

Firebird – a wine to help you rise (again) to any occasion.

The hero in this vibrant wine is purity in expression of the Cabernet varietal, with just a touch of oak in the background. The palate has great structure with balanced tannins; a classic medium-bodied Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon.

Francis Cabernet Franc

Youthful, modern and vibrant. This unoaked Cabernet Franc is driven by a fragrant fruit profile. Bursting with complex whole bunch characters, violets, Turkish delight and spice. The palate is juicy and delicious, with a textural framework of tannin supporting the core of intensely flavored fruit.



WINEMAKING: Kate Goodman's 25+ year winemaking tenure provides her with a great appreciation for South Australia's diverse wine regions; and the Cabernet of Coonawarra continues to inspire her with its unmistakable expression of the region's unique soils. To achieve Penley's pure regional expression, Goodman sources fruit only from the estate, and weaves modern winemaking with traditional techniques acquired through her many years of experience. Small batches are fermented by site and clone in a combination of temperature-controlled tanks and French oak barriques. Traditional heading down boards are employed for greater tannin and color extraction, resulting in the region's characteristic fine, dusty tannin profile. Penley's wines offer balance, complexity, and wonderful longevity; but above all else, a tangible encounter with Coonawarra.



Penley's modern winemaking facility



Coonawarra's Terra Rossa soils



The women who lead: (l-r) Ang Tolley, Kate Goodman, and Bec Tolley