

2019 PENLEY ESTATE HELIOS CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Penley.

Review Summary

97 pts "A lovely vintage, excellent fruit, wild fermentation, some extended maceration but time not specified, aged 18 months in French barrels, 40% new. Despite the hefty 1.6kg bottle, this wine is anything but weighty. An excellent dark garnet hue, it's resplendent with pure cabernet aromas and flavors. A latent power and beauty at the same time, with exceptional tannins, long and finely chiseled."

Jane Faulkner Halliday Wine Companion August 2021

95 pts "Penley's top cabernet has impressive complexity, with violet, cassis, blueberry and subtly leafy aromas, as well as cedary oak and dried herbs. Impressively deep palate with ripe blueberry and redcurrant flavors, set in fresh, fine tannins. Bright and steady finish."

Nick Stock JamesSuckling.com October 2021

90 pts "Housed in an unfortunately heavy bottle and set for the long haul, this wine is rich and succulent. Black cherry, blueberry and blood plum aromas are framed in dusty, savory spice, dark chocolate shavings and licorice. The palate is dense, tightly wound in massive, sandpapery tannins. Silky fruit finds its way through the cracks."

Christina Pickard Wine Enthusiast July 2023

90 pts "Dense and concentrated, at first revealing date nut bread, fresh-cracked black pepper and black tea, with generous fresh, toasted herbs. Offers tannins that come across a tad raw but stand up to the dense blackberry and cassis notes at the core. Should be a good candidate for the cellar. Drink now through 2035."

MaryAnn Worobiec Wine Spectator October 2023