

# 2019 PENLEY ESTATE

## HELIOS CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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**WINEMAKER:**

Kate Goodman

**REGION:**

Coonawarra, South Australia

**VARIETAL:**

Cabernet Sauvignon

**MATURATION:**

16 months maturation in French oak (40% new) followed by 6 months in stainless steel

**ANALYSIS:**

14.5% alc/vol | 6.6 g/L TA | 3.5 pH

**VINTAGE NOTES:** In 2019, a cool and dry April was perfect for ripening, allowing full flavor development and optimal sugar levels. Yields were about average if not slightly below, with Cabernet Sauvignon especially attractive - deep and rich in color with great varietal definition and soft ripe tannins. Canopies remained in excellent condition through to the end of harvest; significantly benefiting from the typically cool nights created by the Southern Ocean. All in all, this vintage for Coonawarra rates excellent.

**TASTING NOTES:** Contemporary Coonawarra at its finest. Powerful yet restrained, the combination of dark fruits, savory notes and focused tannins result in a pure expression of the varietal and the terroir. A complex nose full of cassis, mulberry, violets and licorice with subtle French oak influence. The palate is bold, generous and seductive, driven by a core of succulent fruit and textural tannin, providing superb length. This is a wine of incredible depth, complexity and finesse. Can be enjoyed now, but will also reward those patient enough to cellar.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 97 pts Halliday Wine Companion, 95 pts JamesSuckling.com, 90 pts/Cellar Selection Wine Enthusiast, 90 pts Wine Spectator

**ABOUT PENLEY:** 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. The Estate is now widely regarded as one of the region's leading producers.

