



2021 PENLEY PHOENIX CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Review Summary

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92 pts/Cellar Selection “The dusty, iron-rich terra rossa soils show on this Coonawarra Cab. There’s brambly blackberry and black-cherry fruit along with warm earth-meets-iodine vibes and some minty, peppery nuances, too. Lifted acidity and chalky, saliva-zapping tannins dominate the palate. There’s fruit and spice, too—they just need time to come to the fore. Drink with rare protein or cellar up to around 2035.”

Christina Pickard
Wine Enthusiast
March 2024

92 pts “Notes of ripe dark fruit with hints of eucalyptus, cedar, leafy herbs and wet stones. Medium-bodied with polished tannins. Juicy and fresh with crunchy berry fruit and blue flowers. Gentle, but long. Drink now.”

JamesSuckling.com
January 2023

91 pts “Coonawarra cabernet, of which 70% spent 12 months in French oak (65% new), the remainder matured in tank only. Freshness was clearly a priority of the winemaking team. Boysenberry, plum, juicy blackcurrant and grass-like characters burst energetically onto the palate. There’s a chalk dust character in play here too, which is entirely varietal, along with crisp apple-like acidity. A gentle whisper of chocolate finishes off an attractive red wine.”

Campbell Mattinson
Halliday Wine Companion
October 2022

91 pts “The 2021 Phoenix Cabernet Sauvignon spent 15 days on skins with twice daily pumpers and matured in a combination of vessels for 12 months (65% seasoned French oak, 5% new French oak, 30% in stainless steel). This is an unashamedly bright, fruit-driven Cabernet Sauvignon that rests on a very fine rachis of tannin on the mid-palate. It is supple and fine and oh so fresh. It is modern, juicy, vibrant and crunchy, even, reminiscent of good Loire Chinon. It is also a very good value.”

Erin Larkin
Robert Parker Wine Advocate
April 2023