



B & W WINES

TASTING NOTES

PENLEY ESTATE PHOENIX CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 2008

BACKGROUND

PENLEY ESTATE WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1988 BY KYM TOLLEY A DIRECT DESCENDANT OF TWO PIONEER AUSTRALIAN WINEMAKING FAMILIES, PENFOLDS AND TOLLEY. SINCE BEING ESTABLISHED PENLEY ESTATE HAS GAINED A REPUTATION FOR PRODUCING WINES OF ELEGANCE AND FINESSE SHOWCASING REGIONAL AND VARIETAL CHARACTERISTICS. PENLEY ESTATE HAS WON 48 TROPHIES AND OVER 800 MEDALS, INCLUDING 145 GOLD AND HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS 'ONE OF THE BEST WINERIES IN COONAWARRA' BY AUSTRALIA WINE WRITER, JAMES HALLIDAY.

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THE COLOUR IS BRIGHT CRIMSON WITH HINTS OF DARK PURPLE DUE TO ITS OAK MATURATION AND SPECIFIC HANDLING TECHNIQUES. THE FRAGRANT AROMA CONSISTS OF VIOLETS, RIPE WILD BERRY AND INTEGRATED SPICE OF THE CABERNET GRAPE WITH STRONG VARIETAL CHARACTER TYPICAL OF THE 2008 COONAWARRA VINTAGE. THE AROMAS ARE OF BLACKBERRY AND CASSIS. DISTINCT BLACKBERRY/ BLACKCURRANT (CASSIS) FLAVOURS, THE CHARACTERISTIC OF A GOOD COONAWARRA CABERNET SAUVIGNON. MULBERRY AND BLACKBERRY ARE DOMINANT FRUIT FLAVOURS ENHANCED BY A YOUNG TIGHT PALATE WITH SILKY GRAPE TANNIN AND ELEGANT COMPLEX CEDAR OAK, SO TYPICAL OF THE PENLEY STYLE. A WINE THAT IS CLOSER TO FULL BODIED WITH MORE GRAPE AND OAK TANNINS BUT STILL MAINTAINS BEAUTIFUL BALANCE.

VINIFICATION

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VINTAGE: 2008

WINERY: PENLEY ESTATE (WWW.PENLEY.COM.AU)

REGION: COONAWARRA

AVAILABILITY: AVAILABLE IN CONSIGNMENT

CASE QUANTITY: 12 BOTTLES PER CASE

BOTTLE SIZE: 750 ML

COMPOSITION: CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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