



Koonunga Hill Autumn Riesling 2008

Penfolds Koonunga Hill has established itself as one of Australia's favourite names in premium wine. The collection's reputation has been built upon its quality, value and consistency, dating back to the original red release from 1976. Some of Penfolds finest Riesling parcels in the early 1970s were bottled under the Autumn label and the 2008 Koonunga Hill Autumn Riesling acknowledges the original 1972, by closely adhering to the original packaging with a fitting 'retro' label. The Autumn Label now sits in the Koonunga Hill tier and like its siblings, it aims to deliver the quality, value and consistency that Koonunga Hill is renowned for.



VINEYARD REGION	South Australia - Barossa.
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	Drought conditions resulted in average yields for Riesling, with a large berry size that provided lower phenolics due to a good juice to skin ratio. Spring was frost free while summer was moderate. An unseasonably cool February allowed optimum ripening conditions for maximum flavour intensity while the cool nights provided acid retention. Early March saw one of the longest heat waves in Australian history but fortunately all the premium Riesling blocks had been picked. A remarkable vintage in what was a terribly challenging climatic year.
GRAPE VARIETY	Riesling
MATURATION	This wine is bottled immediately after blending to retain fruit freshness.
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol: 11.5% Acidity: 8.0g/L pH: 3.01
LAST TASTED	June 2008
PEAK DRINKING	To 2010
FOOD MATCHES	Asian cuisine - salt and pepper squid.

Winemaker comments by Penfolds Chief Winemaker Peter Gago

COLOUR

Lime green hues.

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The nose displays lifted florals of frangipani and citrus blossom with an alluring sweet musk scent.

PALATE

Florals follow onto an impressive palate with Turkish delight flavours infused with faint lavender. A fine talc acid structure gives great length of flavour and 'linearity'. The small addition of traminer to this wine, makes it a unique offering, respecting the Penfolds winemaking traditions of the early 1970s.