



KOONUNGA HILL SEVENTY SIX SHIRAZ CABERNET 2012



Since its inception, Penfolds Koonunga Hill has always aimed to deliver quality, value and consistency. The original 1976 Koonunga Hill Shiraz Cabernet is a legendary wine that is still drinking well today, with numerous bottles still taken to the Penfolds Red Wine Re-corking Clinics by collectors who know of its quality and longevity. In its short 'contemporary' history, the Seventy Six label has already enjoyed multiple show successes and the Penfolds Winemaking Team are confident the 2012 vintage reaches the same quality and expectations as its predecessors.

2008...THEN 2010...NOW 2012. THREE VERY STRONG VINTAGES, THREE VERY STRONG PENFOLDS REDS. ALL DESTINED TO REWARD CELLARING, ALL DESTINED TO REINFORCE THE STATURE OF KOONUNGA HILL, AND THE MEMORY OF THE 1976! NO NEED TO RATION...INVEST WISELY.

**PENFOLDS
CHIEF WINEMAKER**

PETER GAGO

VINEYARD REGION

Barossa Valley, Langhorne Creek, McLaren Vale, Upper Adelaide

GRAPE VARIETY

76% Shiraz, 24% Cabernet Sauvignon

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Winter rainfall was lower than the long-term average for most parts of South Australia. Variable conditions continued through the period from October to December, merging to a mild summer, with a few short periods of heat. The mild daytime temperatures and cool evenings across most of the ripening period, allowed for impressive flavour development, without inflated baumes. Balanced canopies matched fruit load, providing even yet not too speedy ripening. Warm dry conditions continued throughout harvest with fruit picked in optimal condition. Smaller berry and bunch sizes were noticeable in most regions and this, coupled with favourable weather conditions, saw great results for some quality markers – colour, tannin profile, fruit concentration and flavour depth

WINE ANALYSIS

Alc/Vol:	14.5%
Acidity:	6.3g/L
pH:	3.63

LAST TASTED

October 2013

PEAK DRINKING

2014 to 2022

MATURATION

12 months in new (10%) and seasoned American oak

COLOUR

Deep red, crimson rim

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Familial, distinctly Penfolds. A retro wine refurbished in a modern mould. Raspberry/vanillin/chocolate/yoghurt aromatics impatiently leap from the glass. Oak? Yes, but ever so courteous! Youthful

PALATE

Masses of fruit. Balanced, fresh, lush. Multi-dimensional - beneath a veneer of youth there awaits much more... Patience. To sign off: pronounced chewy tannins and lively acidity, conveyed by a judicious 12-month rental of oak

