



KOONUNGA HILL SEVENTY SIX SHIRAZ CABERNET 2014



Since its inception, Penfolds Koonunga Hill has always aimed to deliver quality, value and consistency. The original 1976 Koonunga Hill Claret, a Shiraz Cabernet blend, is a legendary wine that is still drinking well today. A perennial favourite at Penfolds Re-corking Clinics and at auction, collectors highly value its quality and longevity. The Seventy Six label has already enjoyed much critical acclaim and show success, and undoubtedly the 2013 vintage will sustain the track record overtly etched by each of the previous releases.

KOONUNGA HILL SEVENTY SIX IS A MULTI-REGIONAL SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BLEND OF SHIRAZ AND CABERNET; A WINE STYLE THAT HAS PLAYED A PIVOTAL ROLE IN AUSTRALIA'S RICH WINEMAKING HISTORY. THE FIRST VINTAGE WAS THE 2006, RELEASED AS AN HOMAGE TO THE FAMED 1976 KOONUNGA HILL CLARET.



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VINEYARD REGION Barossa Valley, McLaren Vale, and Wrattonbully

GRAPE VARIETY 83% Shiraz, 17% Cabernet

**VINTAGE
CONDITIONS** Above average winter rainfall set up the vines in South Australia with healthy soil moisture profiles for the growing season. Spring rainfall was below long-term average resulting in early budburst, with November being the driest since 1974. Warm weather prevailed during summer and throughout veraison, allowing grapes to develop evenly and with good intensity. These conditions came to an abrupt halt on 14th February with a significant rainfall event slowing harvest. Improved conditions thereafter allowed the fruit to ripen slowly, retaining acid and developing desired colour, flavour and ripe tannins.

WINE ANALYSIS Alc/Vol: 14.5%
Acidity: 6.3g/L
pH: 3.59

LAST TASTED October 2015

PEAK DRINKING Now to 2024

MATURATION 15 months in American Oak (15% in new, 5% in 1-y.o. and 80% in seasoned)

COLOUR Deep ruby core with purple hues showing at the rim.

NOSE Cocoa powder sweetness leads the aromatic charge, hazelnut and barley continue. An array of varietal spices....cinnamon spice most likely from the Shiraz and pink peppercorns suggest Cabernet is present. 2014 shows liquorice, praline complexity and a Shiraz dominant nose.

PALATE Biscuit and malt/barley persevere on the palate, just as the nose hinted. Sour cherry, kirsch and red currants add vibrancy and brightness. Softened, chocolaty, mouth-coating tannins....now a hallmark of the wine. Credibly Barossa dominant with plush texture, sweet berry driven fruits and rich mid-palate weight.
