

KOONUNGA HILL
SEVENTY SIX
SHIRAZ CABERNET

2015



OVERVIEW 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. A perennial favourite at Penfolds Re-corking Clinics and at auction, collectors highly value its quality and longevity. 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.

GRAPE VARIETY 88% Shiraz, 12% Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARD REGION Barossa Valley, McLaren Vale, Coonawarra, Upper Adelaide

WINE ANALYSIS Alc/Vol: 14.5%, Acidity: 6.8 g/L, pH: 3.68

MATURATION 11 months in 10% new oak, 10% 1 Y.O & 15% 2 Y.O. American oak hogsheads, and 65% seasoned American oak barrels

VINTAGE CONDITIONS Autumn and winter rainfall were above the long-term average. Rain stopped abruptly in early August with only light showers observed throughout spring. Low top soil moisture halted canopy growth early in the season giving vines an open canopy. A significant rainfall event in early January was a defining moment, giving the vines a much needed boost during veraison. February brought weekend heat spikes, pushing mean maximum temperatures well above the average resulting in early ripening and harvest.

COLOUR Deep crimson

NOSE Immediately invokes a Koonunga Hill expression of yore - coffee-grind meshed with hazelnutty oak and vanillin pod. Très Penfolds! And yet there's much more - an assortment of fruits, chaperoned by cola & smoked paprika, confidently wrestle to contemporize the aromatic offer. Not really a generational competition ... contentedly a confident Koonunga Hill *Seventy Six* Shiraz Cabernet revealing its 2015 finery.

PALATE A generous, substantial wine replete with a Coonawarra/Cabernet line structurally offering definition & length. Quince and fig fruits consort with a rhubarb acidity and tannins right across the palate - further energized by a V.A. lift. Oak contribution? Sort of...; Sorry, understated & supportive.

PEAK DRINKING Now - 2025

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