

KOONUNGA HILL
SEVENTY SIX
SHIRAZ CABERNET
2016



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 85% Shiraz 15% Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARD REGION Barossa Valley, McLaren Vale, Adelaide Hills, Padthaway.

WINE ANALYSIS Alc/Vol: 14.5%, Acidity: 6.6 g/L, pH: 3.71

MATURATION 12 months in French (10% new) and American (10% new) oak.

VINTAGE CONIDITIONS The start of the growing season was delayed by below average winter rainfall and temperatures. Spring and summer were very dry in South Australia with barely any rain until late January. Temperatures dipped significantly in February slowing the harvest for later ripening varietals such as Cabernet Sauvignon. The mild condition ensured the fruit could ripen evenly, developing desirable flavours and well rounded tannins.

COLOUR Crimson with a glossy and bright lustre

NOSE An instant ascent of fruits ... lifted raspberry fruit jube/fruit pastille. Moroccan spices and vanilla pod shroud meaty/crackling elements ... very Penfolds, very Koonunga Hill! A skerrick of cedar oak /pencil shavings; a reminder of the wine's age at this point – undoubtedly soon to be absorbed & concealed.

PALATE Balanced and complete. Spicy and fruit-driven ... however, this time it is blackberry not raspberry jubes on palate. Non-obtrusive, yet just recognisable oak detected on finish. Softened tannins and 'just-right' acidity invoke textural allure. Ready herewith!

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LAST TASTED December 2017

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