



# KOONUNGA HILL SHIRAZ CABERNET 2014



Since its first vintage in 1976, Koonunga Hill's reputation has been built upon its affordable price, its approachability in its youth, and the potential to develop if carefully cellared. Penfolds Koonunga Hill Shiraz Cabernet is very much a reflection of the Penfolds winemaking style and philosophy. Sourced from premium vineyards across South Australia, the wine is known for its full-flavoured style, impressive Shiraz and Cabernet fruits, firm yet well-rounded structure, and balanced oak.

THERE IS NO REASON TO DOUBT WHY THE 2014 KOONUNGA HILL SHIRAZ CABERNET CANNOT JOIN AN IMPRESSIVE LIST OF MEMORABLE KOONUNGA HILL VINTAGES - VINTAGES THAT HAVE CELLARED WELL AND OFTEN BEYOND THAT EXPECTED. PROUDLY PENFOLDS.



**PENFOLDS  
CHIEF WINEMAKER**

**PETER GAGO**

**VINEYARD REGION**

Multi-regional, South Australia

**GRAPE VARIETY**

58% Shiraz, 42% Cabernet Sauvignon

**VINTAGE  
CONDITIONS**

Welcome winter rains provided the vines with ample soil moisture profiles for the growing season ahead. A windy spring resulted in some uneven set in some varieties, reducing potential yields come vintage. Hot and dry weather ensued in late spring and into summer bringing on the rapid accumulation of sugar levels and an early start to vintage. A significant 24 hour rainfall event in early February all but put a halt to a vintage that was progressing at an expeditious pace. After this event, red varieties were afforded a much needed reprieve from the heat and were able to comfortably achieve phenolic maturity without inflated baumés.

**WINE ANALYSIS**

Alc/Vol:	14.0%
Acidity:	6.4g/L
pH:	3.63

**LAST TASTED**

May 2015

**PEAK DRINKING**

Now to 2022

**MATURATION**

Ten months in seasoned French and American oak

**COLOUR**

Plum red

**NOSE**

Cabernet markers take immediate ascendancy through green olive, Italian passata and rosemary lamb notes. Cola reminds us of the reassuring role of oak. Alluring scents of curry/spice are finally revealed.

**PALATE**

As with the nose, Cabernet varietal characters dominate - pink peppercorn, Asian spices, soy, bay leaf and a grainy tannic structure. Sweet fruit generosity - dark plum, fresh figs and sticky date pudding - provides the first suggestion of a Shiraz presence in this 2014 blend (despite its significant percentage contribution!) Focussed, structured, silky - will mature with poise.