

KOONUNGA HILL
SEVENTY SIX
SHIRAZ CABERNET

2018



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

Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARD REGION

Barossa Valley, McLaren Vale, Coonawarra, Wrattenbully, Mount Lofy Ranges, Padthaway

WINE ANALYSIS

Alc/Vol: 14.5%, Acidity: 6.5 g/L, pH: 3.60

MATURATION

12 months maturation in seasoned oak hogsheads

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Plentiful winter rainfall offered the grapevines across South Australia healthy soil moisture profiles in the lead up to the growing season. Spring was quite cool, conditions that initially slowed down vine growth. Temperatures gradually warmed in October with vines producing large canopies, little by way of irrigation was required. Growers had to work hard to control vigour and crop size. Vintage was delayed by up to a month in some regions. Weather conditions during harvest were generally dry favouring fully ripened grapes with well-developed colours and flavours.

COLOUR

Good depth of a deep redness. Bright.

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Alluring fruits - vibrant dark black cherry meshed with crushed fresh dark plum.
All laced with warm spices - cinnamon & nutmeg.
Beneath, scents of just-roasted lamb and rosemary.
Aromatically, certainly a wine fighting above its weight!
Let's see if the palate delivers to this expectation ...

PALATE

This vintage overtly leads with varietal shiraz ... the cabernet weaving all together, covertly propping up its structural underpinning and grip. Contented varietal notes enhanced by an earthy vegetable and tobacco leaf imprint.
Medium-bodied - structurally defined, with supportive tannins (rounded, polished) and well-disguised oak.
Yes, signs off on the earlier aromatic promise.

PEAK DRINKING

Now - 2025

LAST TASTED

August 2019

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