



Koonunga Hill Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon

1996

Not only one of the great red wine bargains of the world, Koonunga Hill now has a world wide reputation for quality, regardless of cost. Australian winemakers are renowned for their ability to blend the fruit of various vineyards into a unified whole.

In the production of Koonunga Hill, the PENFOLDS winemaking team scour the country for select parcels of fruit that have the Koonunga Hill character and intensity. Unlike many other reds in its price range, Koonunga Hill is rich and complex with genuine cellaring potential. The modern winemaker's art finds its ultimate expression in Koonunga Hill.



VINEYARD REGION	Largely sourced from premium, low yielding vineyards in the Barossa Valley, Bordertown, Padthaway, and Coonawarra in South Australia.
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	Rarely has there been such a topsy-turvy growing season as the recent one leading to the 1996 vintage. Over the winter of 1995, the prolonged drought appeared to have broken, before dry conditions again set in for many regions; the season started unusually early, with warm August weather and finished late, after one of the coldest summers on record, in nail-biting anxiety over whether many vineyards would even ripen their crops; budburst was accompanied by what seemed at the time to be catastrophic frosts, yet the harvest delivered a record crop of high quality grapes.
GRAPE VARIETY	Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon
MATURATION	Matured for 12 months in French and American oak.
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol: 13.50% Acidity: 6.70g/L pH: 3.51
LAST TASTED	2000-07-27
PEAK DRINKING	Now - 2015
FOOD MATCHES	Beef, Cheese

Winemaker comments by
John Duval

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PALATE

Deep red plum - vibrant with purple rims.

The aromas of fleshy, sweet plums, dark cherries and spicy oak rise from the glass.

Rich plum and rhubarb flavours dominate a full bodied yet soft, round palate. The finish is warm and lingering with fine, drying tannins. An outstanding Koonunga Hill.