



2009 Koonunga Hill Shiraz

Penfolds Koonunga Hill has established itself as one of Australia's favourite names in premium red wine. Since the first vintage in 1976 of Koonunga Hill Shiraz Cabernet, the collection's reputation has been built upon its quality, value and consistency.

The release of Koonunga Hill Shiraz - this year being its eighth - has successfully built upon these traditions, offering rich Shiraz fruit flavours of plums and blueberries layered with a touch of pepper and spice. The wine has excellent structure and length, and while it is ready for drinking now, the wine will continue to develop in the short term.

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VINEYARD REGION	Selected from premium vineyards with large components from Bordertown, Barossa Valley, Padthaway, Clare Valley and Coonawarra
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	The 2009 vintage was characterised by some unusual weather conditions. Below average winter rainfall was followed by a relatively warm and dry spring, which ended with a cool and damp November and December, increasing sub-soil moisture. Warm summer conditions brought on an early vintage which was not dissimilar to 2008.
GRAPE VARIETY	Shiraz
MATURATION	This wine was matured in a combination of seasoned American and French oak hogsheads.
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol: 13.5% Acidity: 6.3g/L pH: 3.52
LAST TASTED	March 2011
PEAK DRINKING	Now to 2013
FOOD MATCHES	A good match with lamb and rosemary sausages.

COLOUR

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PALATE

Winemaker comments by *Peter Gago, Penfolds Chief Winemaker*

Deep red with bright red hues.

A mixture of spice, cranberry and plum fruits reflective of the assortment of regional grape sources. Some oak is noticeable propelling a chocolate undertone to the fruit flavours.

A medium-bodied wine enhanced by bright fruit flavours of plum and red liquorice. The wine is well supported by ripe and round tannins, a creamy texture and hints of spice and cedar notes from barrel maturation.