

KOONUNGA HILL SEVENTY SIX SHIRAZ CABERNET

2021

OVERVIEW

Since its inception, Penfolds Koonunga Hill has delivered 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 value its quality and longevity. Koonunga Hill Seventy Six is a multi-regional South Australian blend of shiraz and cabernet sauvignon, a wine style that has played a pivotal role in Australia's rich winemaking history.

GRAPE VARIETY

Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARD REGION

South Australia

WINE ANALYSES

Alc: 14.5%, Acidity: 6.2 g/L, pH: 3.68

MATURATION

Seasoned American and French oak

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Total winter rainfall was near the long-term average, although July was unusually dry. Spring temperatures were generally warmer than average with excellent climactic conditions for budburst and flowering. Summer was cooler than average with no extended heat spells. Summer rainfall was 20% above the long-term average. The generally mild conditions made for an excellent harvest, with shiraz and cabernet sauvignon grapes exhibiting textbook varietal character.

COLOUR

Deep plum core with crimson edges

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An exotic amalgam of primary fruits and spices. Both varietals playing a complementary role. Plums, dark cherry, summer pudding are the first to entice. Vanilla and allspice allude to oak maturation nuance. Seared beef and kalamata olives provides a nice savoury note. The well-integrated background oak ably supports the fruit.

PALATE

Lively and fresh from the first sip. The palate is fine and textured, with oak derived milk chocolate weight. Ironstone and cherry pips linger, with Campari-like phenolics. Dark cherry juice, sour cherry and blackberry adding to succulence. The tannins are fine and supportive.

PEAK DRINKING

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LAST TASTED

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