

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.

**NOSE**

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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