KOONUNGA HILL

AUTUMN RIESLING

2018



OVERVIEW

Some of Penfolds finest Riesling parcels in the early 1970s were bottled under the Autumn Riesling label. — Current Koonunga Hill vintages acknowledge the inaugural (screw capped) 1971 Autumn Riesling release by closely adhering to the original packaging with a fitting 'retro' label and screwcap. The Koonunga Hill Autumn Riesling, like its siblings, aims to deliver the quality, value and consistency for which this range is renowned. An expressive, highly aromatic Riesling. Floral and citrus notes combine with crisp mouthwatering acidity to make this a versatile wine suitable both as an aperitif and as a partner for richer seafood dishes

GRAPE VARIETY 92% Riesling, 8% Traminer

VINEYARD REGION Eden Valley

WINE ANALYSIS Alc/Vol: 12.5%, Acidity: 6.9 g/L, pH: 2.93

MATURATION Stainless steel

VINTAGE Above average winter rainfall in Eden Valley provided **CONDITIONS** good soil moisture profiles leading into spring. Drier conditions prevailed from September through to April which was significantly lower than the long-term average.

> Spring provided ideal conditions for flowering and fruit set, while the growing season experienced some warm spells, with twelve summer days recorded above 35°C. Healthy canopies shielded the grapes from adversity, and with careful use of supplementary irrigation the grapes were able to ripen evenly across blocks. The 2018 vintage quality was exceptional, with lovely varietal flavour and refreshing natural acidity.

COLOUR	Very pale straw with lime green hues
NOSE	Highly aromatic with fresh citrus at the forefront – mandarin and lime juice alongside pretty floral notes of almond blossom, white flowers and Gardenia. Very fresh!
PALATE	Citrus (muddled lime / Mojito) carries through to the palate amid delicate fresh ginger and a lovely typical Eden Valley talcy/quartz-like mineral acid structure. A wine with wonderful length of flavour enjoyable now and over the next 2 years.
PEAK DRINKING	Now - 2021

LAST TASTED February 2019

