

Penfolds

KOONUNGA HILL

CABERNET MERLOT 2004

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 widespread acclaim. The release of Koonunga Hill Cabernet Merlot has successfully built upon this tradition, offering the Koonunga Hill assurance of quality in this contemporary varietal combination.

Koonunga Hill Cabernet Merlot is defined by its full-flavoured style with excellent varietal fruit and approachability. The wine makes moderate use of oak maturation.

Koonunga Hill Cabernet Merlot is the fourth offering in this popular range, joining the Shiraz Cabernet, Chardonnay and Semillon Sauvignon Blanc.



VINEYARD REGION	Padthaway, Bordertown, McLaren Vale, Langhorne Creek, Barossa valley and Coonawarra.
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	Above average winter rainfall led into a promising vintage, which was characterised by mild conditions up until February, followed by hot weather conditions throughout March and April. South Australia fared well and produced wines of elegance and intensity.
GRAPE VARIETY	Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot
MATURATION	This wine underwent up to 12 months oak maturation.
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol: 13.5% Acidity: - pH: -
LAST TASTED	29-Nov-05
PEAK DRINKING	Now - 2008
FOOD MATCHES	Ideally suited to Beef, Duck & Game, Lamb

Winemaker comments by Peter Gago

COLOUR	Vibrant plum red.
NOSE	Fresh and lively, the nose boasts a summer-pudding lift, enriched with rhubarb, red-currant and Satsuma plum fruit aromas against a spicy oak background.
PALATE	A medium-bodied wine with plummy, mulberry fruits courting an appealing mid-palate endowed with richness and sweetness. Soft, almost talc, ripe and rounded tannins give way to a stylish savoury oak finish that is mouth-filling and impressive. This wine offers delightful drinking now, but will repay medium term cellaring.