

Penfolds

KOONUNGA HILL

CABERNET MERLOT 2005

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.



VINEYARD REGION	Coonawarra, Padthaway, Robe, Barossa Valley, Adelaide Hills.
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	The 2005 vintage was of consistent good quality across all regions. Favourable seasonal conditions - particularly mild temperatures, with few sustained hot periods, and moderate and generally well timed rainfall - resulted in good quality and steady ripening of fruit, with full varietal characters being developed.
GRAPE VARIETY	Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot
MATURATION	Selected parcels of this wine were matured for six months with oak.
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol: 13.5% Acidity: - pH: -
LAST TASTED	18-Aug-06
PEAK DRINKING	Now - 2007
FOOD MATCHES	Ideally suited to Beef, Chicken, Lamb

Winemaker comments by Peter Gago

COLOUR	Plum red.
NOSE	The nose shows fresh, lively fruit aromas of plum, red currant, red cherry and rhubarb with some dark chocolate tones, integrated with creamy smooth, vanillin oak with some spicy, charrly overtones.
PALATE	A medium bodied wine with flavours of plum and mulberry across the sweet, succulent mid-palate that finishes with even, soft, talc-like tannins. The finish is mouth filling with expansive, creamy textural oak.