

Penfolds

KOONUNGA HILL

SHIRAZ 2005

Koonunga Hill is very much a reflection of the Penfolds winemaking style and philosophy. 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 Shiraz has successfully built upon this tradition, offering the Koonunga Hill assurance of quality.

Premium Shiraz grapes from some of South Australia's best vineyards have been selected to maintain this consistent style and quality. The wine has excellent structure and length, and while it is ready for drinking now, will gain further complexity over the next two to four years.



VINEYARD REGION	Multi-regional blend with significant proportions from the Barossa Valley.
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	Shiraz (Syrah)
MATURATION	Parcels of this wine were matured for six months with American and French oak.
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol: 13.5% Acidity: - pH: -
LAST TASTED	29-Aug-06
PEAK DRINKING	Now - 2009
FOOD MATCHES	Ideally suited to Beef, Lamb, Pasta

Winemaker comments by Peter Gago

COLOUR

Dense red with purple hues.

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The nose shows dark fruit aromas of plum and cherry with a fresh red berry lift. Floral notes, hints of spice, white chocolate and vanillin notes add complexity.

PALATE

A medium bodied wine with flavours of fruit cake, Christmas pudding and blueberries with spice, pepper and hints of liquorice adding complexity. A rich, ripe and generous wine with voluptuous full flavoured fruit and a creamy texture. Well balanced and integrated oak add persistency of flavour.