

KOONUNGA HILL AUTUMN RIESLING

2022

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 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 mouth-watering acidity to make this a versatile wine suitable both as an aperitif and as a partner for richer seafood dishes.

GRAPE VARIETY

Riesling.

VINEYARD REGION

Clare Valley and Eden Valley.

WINE ANALYSES

Alc: 11.5%, T.A: 7.6%, pH: 2.93

MATURATION

3 months in stainless steel.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Vintage 2022 shared many of the hallmarks of the very strong 2021 vintage. The winter rainfall was healthy, the La Niña conditions favoured South Australia. Spring temperatures were generally cooler than average with good rainfall. Conditions were optimal for budburst and fruit set with only a few isolated frost incidents. The mild weather prevailed over summer, resulting in a long slow growing season and leisurely harvest, the latest in ten years for the Clare Valley. These conditions were very conducive to growing quality grapes with strong varietal characteristics and bracing natural acidity.

COLOUR

Light straw with light green rim.

NOSE

Enticing varietal aromatics include perfumed bath salts and florals, are overlaid with candied lime zest and hints of fennel. The faintest suggestion of curry spice/leaf emerges with a swirl. gorgeously fresh and zesty.

PALATE

Very fresh and limey, Kaffir juice with Tahitian lime curd.

A delicious note of exotic Thai basil/mint.

The finish is soft and nicely framed by refreshing, chalky acid.

PEAK DRINKING

Now – 2027.

LAST TASTED

September 2022.

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