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Murdoch Hill 2021 'The Surrey' Pinot Meunier

Winemaker: Michael Downer

Grape(s): Pinot Meunier

GI: Adelaide Hills (Mount Lofty Ranges, South Australia)

Site(s): Single vineyard in Piccadilly Valley

Vintage notes: The 2021 vintage has been celebrated after a more difficult 2020 in the Hills. Some early season rain set up the vintage for even flowering. Temperatures never spiked, allowing for a slow, even, long growing season that is being recognized as one of the best in recent memory for quantity and quality.

Vineyard notes: A high altitude vineyard in the Piccadilly Valley of the Adelaide Hills, the pinot meunier vines were planted in 1996. A northwest aspect gives plenty of sunshine required to express this grape varietal to its full potential. These vines stand at 525m above sea level, taking a few degrees edge off the summer heat with very cool night temperatures, retaining natural acidity.

Winemaking: Small batch open fermenters with wild spontaneous ferments. 40% whole bunch inclusion. Maturation in barrique and puncheons, with 20% new Austrian Stockinger oak for 6 months.

Closure: Stelvin

ABV: 12.5%

LEGEND tasting notes: An expressive and vibrant nose of red fruits – riberry (a native tart berry), rhubarb, and cranberry – with some underlying savory elements from whole bunch usage. The palate is silky and supple, inherently drinkable yet complex and long. Red fruits continue on palate, with notes of bush tomato, cinnamon myrtle, and flower stalks adding complexity.

Label: Each single vineyard wine is named after a horse-drawn carriage (Michael's grandfather was an avid collector). The Surrey takes its name from a popular carriage, a good choice for people moving up to six passengers, its rigid frame and open sides make for a solid ride with a feeling of freedom.

Points: 94 Points (Suckling)