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Murdoch Hill 2021 'Apollo' Pinot Noir

Winemaker: Michael Downer

Grape(s): Pinot Noir

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: Downer has consistently worked with three vineyards in Piccadilly Valley over the years, one of which has stood out to the extent that he decided to bottle it as a single vineyard. The vineyard is located just opposite the Mount Lofty Botanic Gardens. The leaner soil profile and high elevation make for a unique expression. Farmed organically.

Winemaking: Small batch open fermenters with wild, spontaneous ferments. 40% whole bunch inclusion. Maturation in a mixture of French and Austrian demi-muids, puncheons, and barriques (60% new), for 10 months.

Closure: Stelvin

ABV: 13%

Legend tasting notes: Aromas of red and black fruit – red cherry, black plum, currant, and lilly pilly (a tart, native berry) – alongside savory elements of white pepper, pickled violets, smoked cedar, crushed leaves, and black truffle. The palate is supple and long, with great length, subtlety, and complexity.

Production: 100 dozen

Scores: 95 Points (Wine Advocate)