



MURDOCH HILL

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Murdoch Hill 2021 Pinot Noir

Winemaker: Michael Downer

Grape(s): Pinot Noir

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

Site(s): 75% Piccadilly Valley, remaining from the Onkaparinga 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: The Murdoch Hill vineyard is situated in the cool climate Adelaide Hills, near the township of Oakbank, in an undulating valley 420m in elevation. The soil structure is predominately sandy loam over medium clay subsoil's, with varying levels of ironstone, quartz and schist rock. These vines are cane pruned with vertical shoot positioning (VSP) with extensive shoot thinning, canopy trimming and bunch thinning to control the yield. Additional vineyards were selected for this wine from the Piccadilly Valley. Each small parcel provides a different profile giving an overall complex wine, clonal material included Bernard clones 76, 96 with parcels from I10V1 and sparkling clone G9V7.

Winemaking: Small batch open fermenters with wild spontaneous ferments. 25% whole bunch inclusion. Maturation in barrique and puncheons (15% new), for 10 months,.

Closure: Stelvin

ABV: 13%

Winery tasting notes: "Despite possessing plenty of depth and structure, this is classically fragrant, pretty and elegant, with lots of energy and sap weaving through graceful red fruit. Expect vibrant primary fruit, buoyant acidity and background tannins holding everything together--there's something so joyful here, yet there's also more than enough for the Pinot cognoscenti. The value is hard to beat."

Points: 93 Points (The Wine Front), 91 Points (Wine Advocate)