



MURDOCH HILL

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Murdoch Hill 2021 'The Phaeton' Pinot Noir

Winemaker: Michael Downer

Grape(s): Pinot Noir

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

Site(s): Two sites 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: From a two vineyards in the high-altitude Piccadilly Valley, one at Mount Lofty and one in Ashton. These are mature vines with a mix of clones (114 and 115). The Mount Lofty site sits at 520m above sea level, with an easterly aspect. The Ashton site is also easterly facing, at 560m in elevation, on shallow sandstone soils. Vineyards are farmed organically.

Winemaking: Small batch open fermenters with wild, spontaneous ferments. 50% whole bunch inclusion. Maturation in demi-muids and puncheons mainly, with a small amount in barrique (35% new), for 9 months.

Closure: Stelvin

ABV: 13%

Legend tasting notes: Aromas of pure red fruit – cranberry, red cherry, plum, and lilly pilly (a tart, native berry) – alongside some savory elements of white pepper, caperberry, flower stem, and smoked violets. The palate is supple and long, with great length, freshness, and complexity.

Label: Each wine in the Artisan Series is named after a horse-drawn carriage (Michael's grandfather was an avid collector).

Points: 97 Points (Suckling), 94 Points (Wine Advocate)