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Murdoch Hill 2021 'The Rocket' Chardonnay

Winemaker: Michael Downer

Grape(s): Chardonnay

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

Site(s): A selection of 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 selection of vineyards in the high-altitude Piccadilly Valley. These are mature vines with a mix of clones, Bernard C76, C95 & C96 with I10VI, G9V7 and Mendoza. The elevation (450-550m) in this cool climate is coupled with a range of aspects for naturally high acidity.

Winemaking: The hand-picked grapes were part whole berry and whole bunch pressed. Native-yeast fermentation in older French oak. Partial malolactic fermentation was allowed with a small amount of lees stirring to add complexity and depth whilst being careful to keep the wine focused on the vineyards and not the winemaking. Combination of new and used French oak elevage.

Closure: Stelvin

ABV: 13.5%

LEGEND tasting notes: A driven, elegant wine, showing trademark Adelaide Hills natural acidity and purity. The nose displays an element of reduction – gun flint, matchstick – that supports a robust fruit and mineral profile. Lemon aspen (a floral native citrus), lilies, lime curd, and toasted bunya bunya nut (a native pine nut) add serious complexity on the palate. Weighty and powerful with a tense core of acidity driving immense length.

Scores: 98 Points (Suckling), 96 Points (Wine Advocate)