

MURDOCH HILL

syrah 2021



LEGEND
AUSTRALIAN WINE IMPORTS

Winemaker: Michael Downer

Grape(s): Syrah

GI: Adelaide Hills, South Australia

Site(s): Estate vineyard

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.

Winemaking: The fruit was hand-picked and fermented with native yeasts. 15% whole bunch fermentation, then aged in a mix of neutral barriques, puncheons and foudre for 10 months.

Closure: Stelvin **ABV:** 13.5%

Legend tasting notes: Savory syrah on a soft and supple body. Red and purple fruits of Davidson plum (a tart native plum), boysenberry, and black cherry. This wine is briary, filled with white pepper, kangaroo leather, caper berry, and olive brine. Open knit, complex, and highly drinkable.

Scores: 92 Points (Ned Goodwin MW, James Suckling)