



2021 SYRAH

Region: Adelaide Hills SA

Harvest Date: April, 2021

Alcohol: 13.5%

Winemaker: Michael Downer

STYLE

A typical cool climate Shiraz with fragrant perfumed red fruits, pepper and spice notes. The palate shows succulent red fruits of raspberries and cherries, a medium smooth bodied wine that is supported well with quality French Oak. The tannins are fine and savory with lingering flavors of red fruits and spice, a gentle but persistent wine.

VINEYARD:

The Murdoch Hill vineyard situated in the cool climate Adelaide Hills near the township of Oakbank, in an undulating valley 420m in elevation. The Cronberry block is a predominately east-facing slope producing Shiraz of more finesse by avoiding the harsh afternoon sun. The soil structure is predominately sandy loam over medium clay subsoil's, with varying levels of ironstone, quartz and schist rock.

VINTAGE:

Conditions in the Adelaide Hills Wine region were near perfect for the 2020/2021 growing season. A cool, wet spring provided good soil moisture leading into a dry summer. Calm conditions during flowering resulted in excellent fruit set resulting in high yields. The cool and slow ripening period has resulted in exceptional acid retention and complex flavour development.

WINEMAKING:

The Grapes are hand picked and de-stemmed into open fermenters with varying levels of whole bunches. Gentle pump over's and plunging used to retain freshness. After a period of extended maceration on skins the wine was then pressed and matured in a combination of new (25% New) and older French oak barriques and puncheons for 10 months before bottling.

Our vision is to produce authentic, sustainable wines that show great character, elegance and finesse. Sourcing from high quality parcels of fruit within the Adelaide Hills. Each variety hand picked & gently handled in the winery. A mix of old and new techniques to best express the season and place. Winemaker, Michael Downer

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