

# MURDOCH HILL

VINEYARD & WINERY OAKBANK, ADELAIDE HILLS

## 2017 PINOT NOIR

### STYLE

This Adelaide Hills expression of Pinot Noir displays classic lifted cherry fruits and savory spice, early picking keeps this wine vibrant and fresh whilst showing softness with juicy strawberry fruits and supportive sappy fine tannins from careful stalk management.

### VINEYARD SELECTION:

Fruit for the 2017 Pinot Noir was sourced from three vineyards from the Piccadilly Valley and the Basket and Forest ranges. Each vineyard site was carefully chosen to provide a diverse flavor profile. The Piccadilly Valley, the largest component of this wine gives a fine delicate backbone to this wine. The Basket Range vineyard is planted to 777 and gives an aromatic lift of strawberry and cherry fruits and adds structure from the harder soils. The Forest Range vineyard has more mature vines planted to MV6 in a much cooler aspect and provides an element of red fruits, spice and depth of fruit that round out this Pinot Noir.

### VINTAGE:

The Adelaide Hills 2016/17 growing season was cool and wet with record rainfall and low temperatures resulting in a late, cool vintage. The challenging conditions required heavy crop and leaf reduction to facilitate ripeness and disease control. Harvest was pushed into autumn developing more aromatic flavours and intense natural acidity.

### WINEMAKING:

The fruit was hand picked and de-stemmed, allowing for the retention of whole berries, open fermented in small one ton vats. Varying levels of whole bunches were included in the ferments ranging from 25% - 100%, this aided structure and spice to the wine. Minimal maceration during fermentation was adopted to produce a elegant wine style. Matured in French barriques with 15% new oak to achieve complexity and length to the wine.



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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