

MURDOCH HILL

VINEYARD & WINERY OAKBANK, ADELAIDE HILLS

2015 RED BLEND

STYLE

This 2015 Red Blend shows typical lifted Cabernet aromas of mulberry characters, with bright red and black fruits, the palate is built with layers with the impact of Syrah adding mid palate complexity while the Pinot Noir is giving a red fruit component while predominate feature of this wine Cabernet builds in texture and persistence with some fine grain tannins and vibrant acidity, all giving this wine a good cellaring potential.

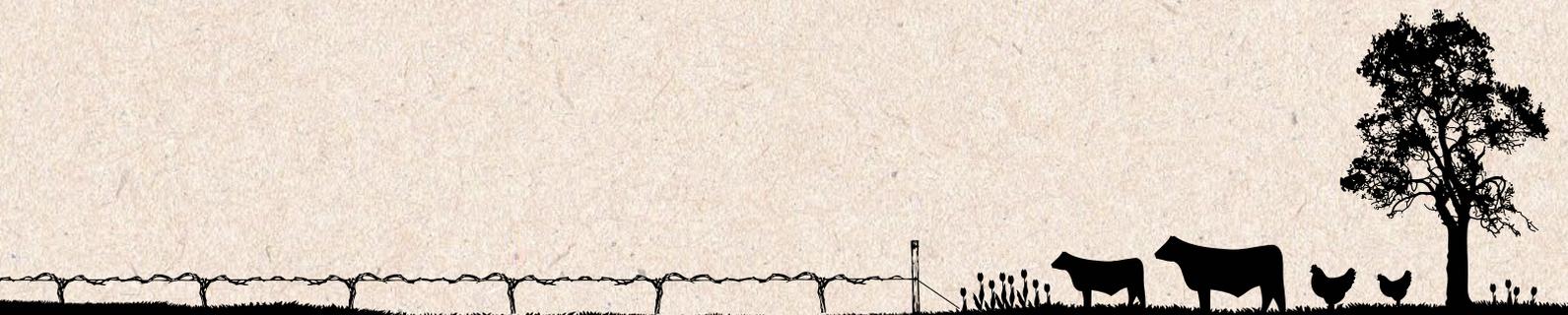
VINEYARD:

The Murdoch Hill vineyard situated in the cool climate Adelaide Hills near the township of Oakbank, in an undulating valley 420m in elevation. The Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah selected for this wines are sourced from a predominately east-facing slope producing fruit 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.

These vines are cane pruned with vertical shoot positioning (VSP) with extensive shoot thinning, canopy trimming and bunch thinning to control the yield. The mild to warm ripening days with cool breezes at night allow full ripeness whilst retaining vibrancy and freshness with good natural acidity.

WINEMAKING:

Whole bunches were hand harvested, de-stemmed into open fermenters. A delicate approach during fermentation with pump over's and hand plunging employed to gentle extraction of colour, flavour and tannins. Extended maceration on skins for 2-4 weeks has built this wine, giving layers to the palate and a soft tannin profile. The wine was matured in fine French barriques with 20% new for 10 months before bottling. The final blend is 82% Cabernet Sauvignon 12% Syrah 6% Pinot Noir



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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