

# MURDOCH HILL

VINEYARD & WINERY OAKBANK, ADELAIDE HILLS



## 2016 RED BLEND

### STYLE

This 2016 Red Blend is predominately Cabernet Sauvignon 60%, Merlot 30% with a splash of Shiraz 10%. It displays typical lifted Cabernet aromas of mulberry with the merlot bringing more bright red and black fruits, overall a bright persistent red fruited wine with soft fine grain tannins and vibrant acidity built for early enjoyment.

### 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.

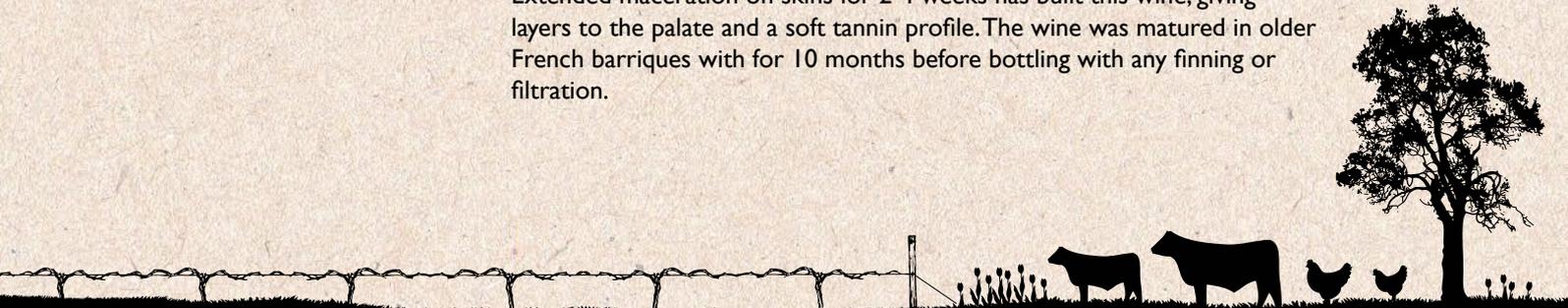
These vines are cane pruned with vertical shoot positioning (VSP) with extensive shoot thinning, canopy trimming and bunch thinning to control the yield. The mild to warm ripening days with cool breezes at night allow full ripeness whilst retaining vibrancy and freshness with good natural acidity.

### VINTAGE:

The Adelaide Hills 2015/16 growing season experienced a very dry spring and resulted in an early bud-burst, where warm conditions continued for a rapid development. Summer didn't see extremely high temperatures however the night temperatures were above average resulting in a higher average mean temperature for the growing season. Welcome rain events occurred late January and early February to freshen the vines and slow the ripening development.

### 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 give 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 older French barriques with for 10 months before bottling with any fining or filtration.



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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