

MURDOCH HILL

VINEYARD & WINERY OAKBANK, ADELAIDE HILLS

2015 “HALFWAY BLOCK” SAUVIGNON BLANC



VINEYARD SELECTION:

Murdoch Hill stands 512 meters above sea level and is situated in the cool climate of the Adelaide Hills. The vineyard is nestled in the undulating valley at the base of Murdoch Hill near the township of Oakbank. The Halfway Sauvignon Blanc is sourced from vines with a range of aspects from South, East and Northern, giving a variety of soils and sunlight to aid in the complexity of flavour development. The soil structure in this area is predominately sandy loam over medium clay sub-soils, with varying levels of quartz and schist rock. The vines are cane pruned with vertical shoot positioning (VSP), shoot thinning, canopy trimming and bunch thinning when required. This diligent approach to canopy management has attributed to the elegant style of the wine.

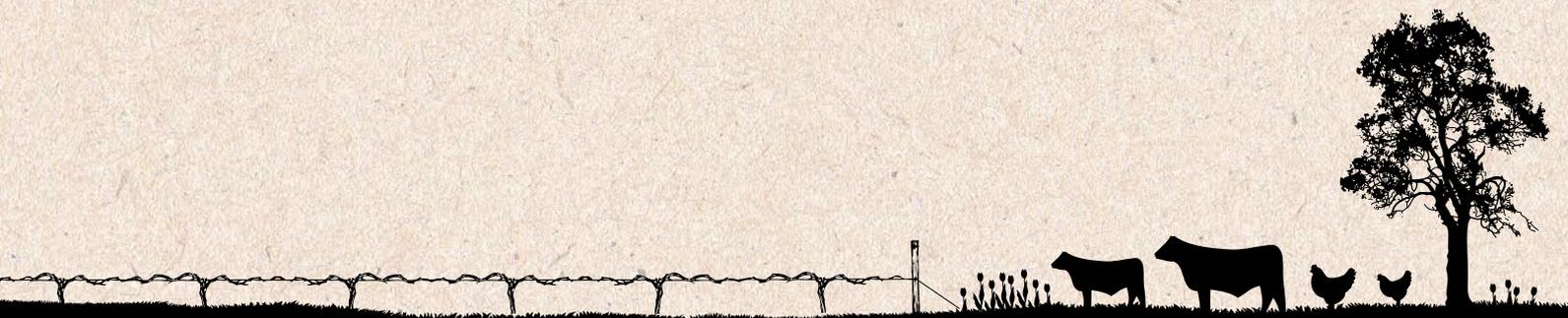
VINTAGE:

The Adelaide Hills 2015/16 growing season experienced a very dry spring and resulted in an early budburst, where warm conditions continued for a rapid development. Summer didn't see extreme high temperatures but rather above average mean temperatures. Welcome rain events occurred late January and early February to freshen the vines and slow the ripening development. Resulting in strong flavours.

WINEMAKING:

The Halfway Block Sauvignon Blanc is made with a more hands on winemaking approach, with one third fermented on skins for 1-2 weeks, another third is barrel fermented and the remaining tank fermented. The skins and barrel ferment components add texture and drive to the resulting wine. Maturation was for 5 months before bottling.

This wine is about texture with underlying purity showcasing the elegance of Adelaide Hills Sauvignon Blanc.



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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