2014 SAUVIGNON BLANC

REGION: Adelaide Hills, South Australia
HARVEST DATE: 5th March 2014
DATE BOTTLED: 12th May 2014
ALCOHOL: 12.5%
WINEMAKER: Michael Downer

GROWING SEASON & VINTAGE:
The Adelaide Hills experienced a very cold and mild spring that delayed fruit development and reduce yields. January brought some warm-hot conditions but with a good healthy canopy developed in the spring the vines help up well and were given a good drink with heavy downpours in mid February. The low yields and the cool milder conditions experience after the rain resulted in excellent flavour development and trademark Sauvignon Blanc characters whilst holding onto some naturally fine acidity from our typically cold nights.

VINEYARD:
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.

• Vine Positioning: The Sauvignon Blanc vines are provided 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.
• Soil Structure: Predominately sandy loam over medium clay subsoils, with varying levels of ironstone, quartz and schist rock.

WINEMAKING:
The Sauvignon Blanc grapes are hand picked in whole bunches in the early hours of the morning to ensure optimal cool climate conditions before the fruit is crushed chilled and then gently pressed. The juice is cold settled and racked then slow fermented using selective yeast in stainless steel tanks. This method seeks to express all the fine attributes of this wine style.

STYLE & TASTING NOTES:
A vibrant and bright pale white wine with notes of aromatic stone and tropical fruits on the nose. This Sauvignon Blanc carries the signature characteristics of the Adelaide Hills’ style with a clean and crisp palate of gooseberries and citrus fruits, followed by delicate acidity and a complementing mineral finish.

92 Points, Campbell Mattinson, The Wine Front

Bronze - Royal Melbourne Wine Show

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