

MURDOCH HILL

VINEYARD & WINERY OAKBANK, ADELAIDE HILLS

2018 SAUVIGNON BLANC

STYLE

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.

VINEYARD:

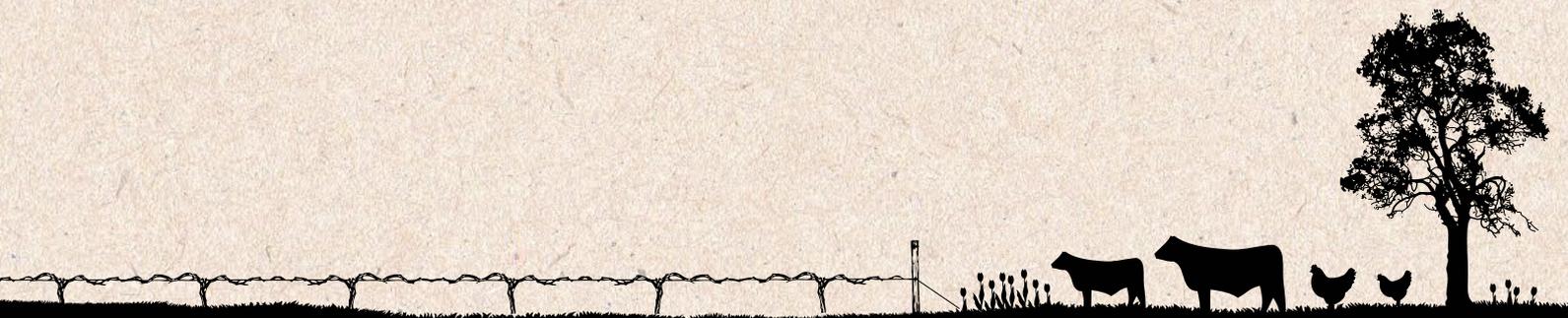
The Murdoch Hill vineyard situated in the cool climate Adelaide Hills near the township of Oakbank, in an undulating valley 420m in elevation. The Sauvignon Blanc vines are provided with a range of aspects from South, East and Northern, giving a variety of soils and sunlight to aid in the complexity of flavour development. The soil structure in this area is predominately sandy loam over medium clay sub-soils, with varying levels of ironstone, 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 2017/18 growing season experienced variable weather with good subsoil moisture from late winter rains. Warm to hot periods over summer lead for some heat stress, however cooler weather seemed to always follow keeping healthy canopies to protect the delicate Sauvignon bunches from over exposure. During veraison this trend continued leading to excellent flavour development with picking decisions critical for capturing the freshness of Sauvignon Blanc.

WINEMAKING:

The Sauvignon Blanc grapes are hand picked in whole bunches before the fruit is crushed then chilled and gently pressed. The juice is cold settled and racked before a slow fermented using selective yeast in stainless steel tanks. This method seeks to express all the fine attributes of this wine style. While 20% of this wine is warm settled to retain more solids in the juice and then fermented using wild spontaneous yeast, this helps add texture and structure 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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