

MURDOCH HILL

VINEYARD & WINERY OAKBANK, ADELAIDE HILLS

2016 SYRAH, CRONBERRY BLOCK

STYLE

A typical cool climate Shiraz with fragrant perfumed red fruits, pepper and spice notes. The palate shows succulent red fruits of raspberries and cherries, a medium smooth bodied wine that is supported well with quality French Oak. The tannins are fine and savory with lingering flavors of red fruits and spice, a gentle but persistent wine.

VINEYARD:

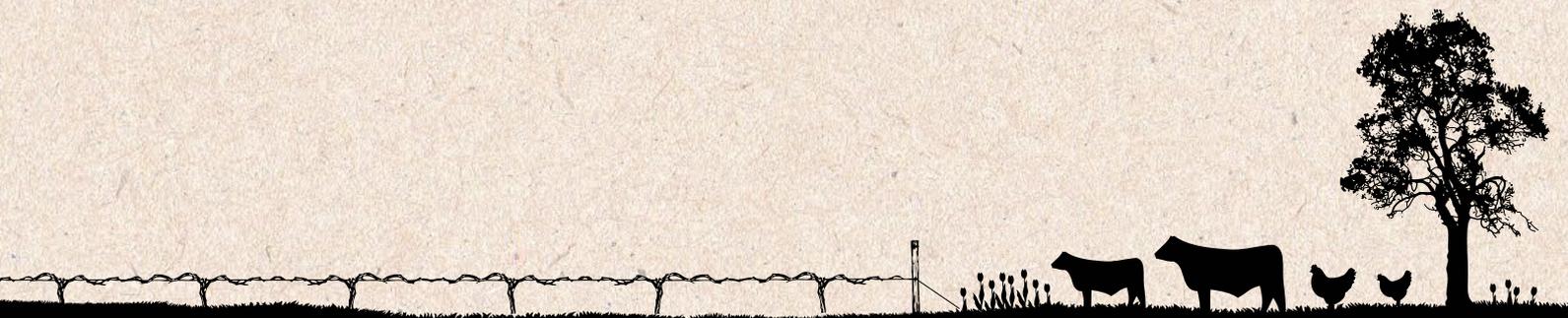
The Murdoch Hill vineyard situated in the cool climate Adelaide Hills near the township of Oakbank, in an undulating valley 420m in elevation. The Cronberry block is a predominately east-facing slope producing Shiraz of more finesse by avoiding the harsh afternoon sun. The soil structure is predominately sandy loam over medium clay subsoil's, with varying levels of ironstone, quartz and schist rock.

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. The low yields and the cool milder conditions experienced after the rain resulted in excellent flavour development at low to mid sugar levels, resulting in complex fruit flavours with excellent tannin structure all whilst holding onto some natural fine acidity from our typically cold nights.

WINEMAKING:

The Grapes are hand picked and de-stemmed into open fermenters with varying levels of whole bunches. Gentle pump over's and plunging used to retain freshness. After a period of extended maceration on skins the wine was then pressed and matured in a combination of new (25% New) and older French oak barriques and puncheons for 10 months before bottling.



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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