



2022 CABERNETS

STYLE

Cabernet Sauvignon 53%, Merlot 38% Cabernet Franc 9%. 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:

2022 vintage, starting with good sub soil moisture from a wet winter, spring experienced regular rain events that dried off in December, poor flowering conditions resulted in very low yields giving excellent concentration. A refresh in January with 42.5mm of rain for the month was welcomed, this was followed by very mild cool conditions in February and March. The cool and slow ripening period has resulted in exceptional acid retention and complex flavour development.

WINEMAKING:

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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