

ARTISAN SERIES ROCKET CHARDONNAY / MURDOCH HILL / 2020 / ADELAIDE HILLS / AUSTRALIA

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## PRODUCER

Murdoch Hill has been in the Downer family since 1939 but vines were first planted here only in 1998. The farm is on the eastern side of the Adelaide Hills in the Onkaparinga Valley, with 21 hectares of vineyard on shallow red loam soils packed with schist and limestone and up to 516 metres above sea level. Since taking over the winemaking reins in 2012, Michael Downer has taken the farm's wines to similar heights.

## VITICULTURE + VINIFICATION

Production for the Rocket Chardonnay is selected from the best vineyard parcels, our third release of the Rocket and we are thrilled with its evolution. Sourced from three vineyards, two high in Piccadilly Valley from 35-year-old I10V1 & C76 vines, directly below Mt Lofty summit. The other sourced from Lobethal from 20-year-old Bernard Clone 76 vines. Whole berry pressed, wild ferment in very tight grain French puncheons. 65% malolactic ferment. 10 months maturation, with over 50% new oak. Yes, two-thirds went through malolactic fermentation.

## TASTING NOTE

Driven elegant wine, displaying trademark Adelaide Hills natural acidity and purity, sourced from the best selection of vineyards in the Piccadilly Valley. Showing lime and melon laced with a saline nutty complexity and a fine mineral finish.

## FACTS + STATS

WINEMAKER	MICHAEL DOWNER
VARIETIES	100% CHARDONNAY
APPELLATION	ADELAIDE HILLS
CLOSURE	SCREW TOP
ALCOHOL	13%
TOTAL ACIDITY	7.3 G/L
ORGANIC	NO
BIODYNAMIC	NO





VEGAN	YES
VEGETARIAN	YES
CASE SIZE	6