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## ARTISAN SERIES APOLLO PINOT NOIR / 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

The fruit comes from three vineyards in the cool climes of the Piccadilly Valley, all on the western ridge on predominantly east-facing slopes. One vineyard that Michael has been sourcing fruit from since 2016 has consistently stood out and 85% of Apollo 2020 comes from this site, located in Piccadilly just opposite the Mt Lofty Botanic Garden. The understudy source is in Ashton, and contributes more underfloor, forest notes to offset the Piccadilly vineyard's red-fruited intensity. Hand harvested and 40% whole bunches retained. Wild fermented in barrel (60% new) then matured for 10 months in one puncheon, one Stockinger 600l demi-muid and one Chassin barrique. 60% new oak with 10 months maturation in a mixture of Austrian and French oak.

### TASTING NOTE

The first vintage of a supreme Piccadilly Valley Pinot Noir. It's a beautiful pale colour with floral aromas of rosehip and kitchen herbs. Lively and tangy, linear but sinewy, only mid-weight but carrying a good deal of future power. A fabulous new entry into the pantheon of great Australian Pinot, and new star in the Adelaide Hills firmament. Only 100 dozen made.

### FACTS + STATS

WINEMAKER	MICHAEL DOWNER
VARIETIES	100% PINOT NOIR
APPELLATION	ADELAIDE HILLS
CLOSURE	SCREW TOP
ALCOHOL	13%
ORGANIC	NO
BIODYNAMIC	NO
VEGAN	YES
VEGETARIAN	YES
CASE SIZE	6

