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ARTISAN SERIES SURREY PINOT MEUNIER /  
MURDOCH HILL / 2021 / ADELAIDE HILLS /  
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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

A high altitude vineyard in the Piccadilly Valley of the Adelaide Hills, the Pinot Meunier vines planted in 1996 have a North-West aspect giving plenty of sunshine required to express this intriguing grape varietal to its full potential. These vines stand at 525m taking a few degrees edge off the summer heat with very cool night temperatures, retaining beautiful natural acidity. This wine is made to best express both the unique characters of Pinot Meunier and of the Adelaide Hills, using a more hands off winemaking approach with more traditional techniques. The wine is matured in older French oak for a short period to best express the fruit. Including a high proportion of whole bunches (40% on average), natural fermentation from indigenous yeast in small open fermenters, no acidification and bottled without fining or filtration. YES Maturation in barrique and punchoens, with 20% new Austrian Stockinger oak for 6 months.

## TASTING NOTE

Our 8th release of the Surrey Pinot Meunier. This rare variety is a relative of Pinot Noir. From a small vineyard, high in the Piccadilly Valley, it produces a juicy, elegant, lighter style of wine, with dark red cherry through to raspberry fruits. It is weighted like a Pinot Noir but with more upfront spice and fine tannins.. The Surrey carriage is a popular choice for people moving up to six passengers, its rigid frame and open sides make for a solid ride with a feeling of freedom.

## FACTS + STATS

WINEMAKER	MICHAEL DOWNER
VARIETIES	100% PINOT MEUNIER
APPELLATION	ADELAIDE HILLS
CLOSURE	SCREW TOP
ALCOHOL	12.5%
SUGAR	0 G/L
TOTAL ACIDITY	0 G/L
ORGANIC	NO
BIODYNAMIC	NO
VEGAN	YES
VEGETARIAN	YES
TOTAL SULPHUR	__NULL MG/L
CASE SIZE	6

