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# MURDOCH HILL SYRAH / MURDOCH HILL / 2018 / 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 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. The grapes are hand picked and de-stemmed into open fermenters with varying levels of whole bunches. Gentle pump overs and plunging to retain freshness. After an extended period of maceration on skins the wine was pressed and matured in a combination of new (25%) and older French oak barriques and puncheons for 10 months before bottling. YES

## TASTING NOTE

A typical cool climate Syrah 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 savoury with lingering flavours of red fruits and spice, a gentle but persistent wine.

## FACTS + STATS

WINEMAKER	MICHAEL DOWNER
VARIETIES	100% SYRAH
APPELLATION	ADELAIDE HILLS
CLOSURE	SCREW TOP
ALCOHOL	13.5%
SUGAR	0 G/L
TOTAL ACIDITY	0 G/L
ORGANIC	NO
BIODYNAMIC	NO
VEGAN	YES
VEGETARIAN	YES
TOTAL SULPHUR	__NULL MG/L
CASE SIZE	12

