

# 'THE SURREY' PINOT MEUNIER, ADELAIDE HILLS, MURDOCH HILL

2015 | Red Wine



Australia, South Australia

Murdoch Hill

**Case Size:** 6

This rare variety is a relative of Pinot Noir. From a small vineyard, high in the Piccadilly Valley it produces elegant, silky red wine, with cherry and plum flavours.

**Vinification:**

The Pinot Meunier grapes come from Murdoch Hill's Piccadilly and Oakbank Vineyards. 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. On the Western ridges of Oakbank with an elevation of 400m, ripening much earlier than the Piccadilly Valley and shows much more aromatic vibrant bright red cherry fruits, overall a much finer delicate style of Pinot Meunier. 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. Including a high proportion of whole bunches, natural fermentation from indigenous yeast, no acidification and bottling without any fining or filtration. The wine is matured in older French oak for a short period to best express the fruit.

**Grape Varieties:** Pinot Meunier

**Classification:** Artisan Range - Small Batch. Hand Made. Single Vineyard | **ABV:** 13% | **Closure:** Natural Cork