

**2015 Morning Star Pinot Noir**  
Pinot Noir 100%  
Adelaide Hills 100%

**Wine Analysis**

**Winemaker:** Greg Clack

**Bottled:** March 2016

**Alcohol:** 14.0%

**Oak:** 60% New French Oak 40% Old French Oak

**Acid:** 5.8 g/L

**pH:** 3.49

**Residual Sugar:** 2.6g/L

**Sulphur:** 90 mg/L

**In the Vineyard**

Fruit for the 2015 Morning Star pinot is sourced from a single block from a single vineyard in the southern Adelaide Hills. Only the best barrels from the block are selected for the Morning Star. The blend is made from 100% MV6 clone from a VSP trellis in Kuitpo.

**In the Winery**

The fruit was harvested in the early morning and destemmed only, 10% of handpicked whole bunches were added to the fermenter. It was cool soaked for 2 days prior to beginning fermentation. It was fermented with minimal cap management via plunging and air sparging in open fermenters with a burgundian isolate yeast to preserve the fresh primary fruit and aromas of pinot noir and help preserve the colour. The wine was pressed off skins after 8 days of fermentation, transferred into 40% new french and 60% 2 and 3 year old french oak. Malo-lactic fermentation was completed while in oak. Left on fine lees for 12 months, the wine was then barrel selected from each parcel and blended to create the final blend.

**In the Glass**

**Colour**

Deep cherry red with a light garnet hue.

**Bouquet**

Intensely vibrant nose displaying bright red fruit, hints of beetroot integrated with dark cherry and fresh raspberry. Subtle spiciness is evident from the addition of whole bunches and adds a hint of freshly cracked pepper. A touch of dried herbs helps give a lift and balance to sweeter fruits.

**Palate**

On the palate there is juicy red currant and cherry with supporting blueberry fruits, beetroot and blood plum. The fruits are balanced and integrated with savoury dried herbs and a mild pepper note. Medium to full bodied with savoury structural tannins and balanced acidity, persistent and lively on the finish with a good balance of aromatic oak tannins and primary fruit.

*Chain of Ponds*



**The Morning Star Story**

“This hotel was erected in the early days and has been to many weary travellers a real haven of rest. The Morning Star was...one of the busiest places of call between Adelaide and the River Murray”

*(Adelaide Register 1919)*

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