

2011 Sangiovese
Adelaide Hills 100%
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Wine Analysis

Winemaker: Greg Clack

Bottled: February 2012

Alcohol: 12.5%

Oak: 3-4 year old French Oak - Hogshead

Acid: 6.0 g/L

pH: 3.39

Residual Sugar: 4.0g/L

Sulphur: 118 mg/L

In the Vineyard

Produced from fruit in the northern region of the Adelaide Hills, the very cool growing season allowed for slow even ripening with exceptional retention of natural acid. Disease pressure was high towards the end of the growing season due to the late ripening nature of Sangiovese, however careful management in the vineyard kept the harvested fruit free of all disease. The long even ripening conditions allowed maturity of fruit flavour at much lower sugar levels than in previous warmer years.

In the Winery

The grapes were crushed and destemmed, and fermented at cool temperatures in open fermenters to allow full extraction of colour and flavour. It was pressed off skins after 6 days and transferred to 3-4 year old French oak for maturation. The wine was matured in French oak for 10 months to integrate tannins and give a savoury note and complexity to the palate. It was then bottled to preserve the fresh primary fruit characters of Sangiovese.

In the Glass
Colour

Crimson cherry red with plum purple hue

Bouquet

Aromas of dark cherries, redcurrants and hints of black pepper. Just a hint of roasted chestnuts is evident from the oak. A very inviting and complex nose.

Palate

Elegant palate with good primary fruits of cherry and blackcurrant, redcurrant and black pepper spice. Integrated subtle sweet French oak and savoury fruit tannins which are firm but not excessive are balanced by firm acidity and gentle fruit sweetness. An ideal accompaniment to food, in particular red meat and gamey dishes, antipasto or with a strongly flavoured cheese platter.



The Sunning Hill Story

In memory of one of the first known vineyards in the region at Sunning Hill, which is now located somewhere at the bottom of the Millbrook Reservoir, adjacent to Chain of Ponds

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