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2021 PINOT SYRAH

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ADELAIDE HILLS

What's old is new again...

As ardent students of Australian wine history, we have long loved the light dry reds produced in the Hunter and Yarra Valleys. These traditionally quirky but delicious blends conceived in the 1940's seem to us to be as appropriately consumed today with the breadth of modern Australia cuisine as there were then..

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Creation

This wine melds the spicy seductive fragrance of Pinot Noir from The Morialta Hills Vineyard in Mount Lofty, and the nimble tannin line of 49% Syrah from the Downer family's storied vineyard, Erinka planted in 1998. Both parcels were hand harvested and gently de-stemmed to whole berries. We retained 20% whole bunch for wild fermentation in traditional open vats. Hand plunged daily before basket pressing to old french oak puncheons for maturation on fine lees to build mid palate texture.

Composition

A silky, plush and fragrant wine showing the strawberry lift of Pinot Noir, with violets and white pepper of the cool fruited Syrah. Bright plums, flint, and mineral notes on the palate, this wine files down the exuberant fruit with a succulent juicy tannin bedrock.

Consumption

Fatty fish! A baked whole rainbow trout, crunchy roast potatoes and a fresh al dente green bean, tomato, kalamata olive and sweet basil salad.or on its own served slightly chilled on a warm summer's night while contemplating life.

VARIETIES: 51% PINOT 49% SYRAH
ALCOHOL: 13.9%
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