

HESKETH

VINTAGE

2021

BLANC DE NOIR
ADELAIDE HILLS

Madeline Alice

The Hesketh family has always followed the path less travelled by. This ethos leads us to create a selection of vineyard specific wines, ranging from classic Australian regional/variety combinations, through to cutting edge varieties to surprise and delight. Each wine is made in a house style which reflects the family's passion for wine, understanding of wine quality and over ninety years combined experience, both working with wine and imbibing the fruits of our labour.

WINEMAKING

The 2021 Adelaide Hills vintage followed good winter rainfall and a mild, stable growing season. Moderate summer temperatures and cool nights allowed slow, even ripening, preserving bright natural acidity and delicate flavours – ideal conditions for high-quality sparkling base fruit. Graceful and refined, the 2021 Madeline Alice Blanc de Noir (meaning white from black) is crafted entirely from Pinot Noir. Fruit from the Piccadilly Valley was hand-picked, chilled in a cool room then whole bunch pressed into older French oak barriques for the alcoholic fermentation. The 'base wine' was then stored in a stainless-steel tank, when it underwent 'tirage' (bottled with a little sugar and yeast added), the yeast fermenting the sugar, in turn creating the bubbles in the wine. It was then aged on yeast lees in cold store for five years, creating added complexity before riddling and disgorging ahead of its inaugural release.

TASTING NOTES

Varieties: 100% Pinot Noir

Aroma: Lifted aromas of wild strawberry and raspberry, layered with green apple and lemon zest, subtle brioche notes and a hint of blossom.

Palate: Fresh and finely structured, showing bright citrus and red berry fruits, crisp natural acidity and a creamy mousse, finishing dry, clean and elegantly persistent..

ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 12%

RS: DRY - 3.0g/L

TA: 6.8 g/L

pH: 3.02

