

**2013 Morning Star Pinot Noir**  
**Pinot Noir 100%**  
**Adelaide Hills 100%**

**Wine Analysis**

**Winemaker:** Greg Clack

**Bottled:** March 2014

**Alcohol:** 12.0%

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

**Acid:** 6.6 g/L

**pH:** 3.48

**Residual Sugar:** 2.8g/L

**Sulphur:** 108 mg/L

**In the Vineyard**

Fruit for the Morning Star pinot is sourced from a number of premium Adelaide Hills Vineyards, with only the best barrels from the best vineyards selected for the Morning Star. A majority of the fruit (over 50%) is from a northerly facing vineyard from a G5V15 clone on a VSP trellis. The balance is made from equal portions of MV6 and D4V2 clone pinot noir also on a VSP trellis.

**In the Winery**

The fruit was harvested in the early morning and destemmed only. It was cool soaked for 2 days prior to beginning fermentation. It was fermented with minimal cap management in open fermenters with a varietal enhancing yeast to preserve the fresh primary fruit aromas of pinot noir. The wine was pressed off skins after 6 days of fermentation, transferred into 60% new french and 40% 2 and 3 year old french oak. Malo-lactic fermentation was completed while in oak, the wine was then racked and returned post malo for maturation. After 9 months of maturation the best barrels from each parcel were selected for Morning Star with all other barrels dropping into the Section 400 Pinot Noir. The remaining barrels were left to mature for a further 7 months to aid in smoothness and integration before bottling.

**In the Glass**

**Colour**

Deep cherry red with a light garnet hue.

**Bouquet**

Intensely complex nose with the earthiness of beetroot integrated with dark cherry and hints of rhubarb. A touch of fennel and dried herbs helps give a lift and balance to sweeter fruits.

**Palate**

On the palate there is juicy cherry and blueberry fruits, beetroot and blood plum. The fruits are balanced and integrated with savoury dried herbs and nutmeg spice. Full bodied with firm, slightly drying but velvety tannins and balanced acidity, great fruit length with good savouriness.

*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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