

2018 'Kin by Alkina' Field Red

The Kin label allows us to expand our winemaking knowledge while exploring new vineyard parcels and blends each year. Grenache, Shiraz and Mataro complement each other beautifully, exhibiting vibrant purple fruit and exotic spice in a supple, yet elegant, style.

Artwork for this label was created by Adnyamathanha artist Damien Coulthard: "Diverse Aboriginal Nations across Australia share distinct cultural and spiritual heritage with their environments, including the night skies. The night skies; the moon and stars, like the land, are interconnected and part of an intrinsic, interwoven, continuous life cycle."

Season: 2018 was a high quality Barossa vintage with average yields. Winter rainfall was strong but spring and summer were below average. Conditions in January and February were dry and warm with the latter significant for its higher than average night time temperatures. Fruit for this blend was picked in late February and early March.

Vineyard: The parcels of fruit came from older and younger vines on varying geologies in the Alkina vineyard. NASAA certified organic and biodynamic.

Winemaking: The three varieties were picked and vinified separately before being brought together in a blend. Each was fermented with indigenous yeast and then matured in a mixture of concrete and oak vessels. An average of 40% was left as whole bunches. 2000 bottles and 100 magnums made.

Varieties: 45% Grenache, 45% Shiraz, 10% Mataro. *Alcohol:* 14.0%

About Alkina: Alkina is a new story on an old place. We seek to understand, nurture and ultimately express this beautiful land in its wines, its values and its experiences for visitors and drinkers. Our certified organic and biodynamic farm sits on the traditional lands of the Ngadjuri people and we seek to honour the land's Aboriginal history and to learn from their regenerative farming philosophy. We have 43 hectares of vines planted to Grenache, Shiraz, Mataro and Semillon, with the oldest vines dating from the 1950s.

