



**ALKINA**  
BAROSSA VALLEY

## 2018 Alkina Polygon No. 5

A singular expression of Grenache from Polygon 5, a tiny patch of our old vineyard that we have studied extensively and picked and vinified separately. Wild in nature and darker in fruit complexion, this is a structured and intense wine with great tension and svelte, mouth-coating tannins.

*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. 1537kg of healthy fruit was picked from Polygon 5 on 7 March 2018.

*Vineyard:* Polygon No. 5 consists of two very similar nearby parcels making up 0.37 hectares in size. Working with terroir specialist, Pedro Parra, we identified this polygon to be uniquely significant because of its heavily fractured schist composition. There are deeper soils sitting above a thick band of micaceous schist that contains veins of iron-rich clay within the fractures. NASAA certified organic and biodynamic.

*Winemaking:* The fruit was hand picked and sorted before being fermented with only indigenous yeast in one 1700L concrete tulip. 30% of the fruit was left as whole bunches and the rest destemmed by hand. Basket pressed and matured in one 700L Nomblot concrete egg for 15 months. 568 bottles and 120 magnums made.

*Varieties:* 100% Grenache  
*Alcohol:* 14.2%

*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.

