

## 2019 'Kin by Alkina' Field White

The Kin label allows us to expand our winemaking knowledge while exploring new vineyard parcels and blends each year. Semillon, Riesling and Ugni Blanc were co-fermented on their skins in a single Georgian quevri to yield a fascinating, saline, textural wine with great concentration.

Artwork for this label was created by Adnyamathanha artist Damien Coulthard: "The ochre pigments used in my paintings are not only symbolic of place, but of the earth below the surface and the raw energy that exists. Similarly, the rocks and soils of Alkina offer this harnessed raw energy of the earth to the foundation of the vines producing the vibrant fruits that create these wines."

Season: 2019 was an exceptional Barossa vintage, but also one with the lowest yields in the past decade. Dry conditions in winter and spring were followed by frost events during budburst and wind during flowering. January and February were warm and the fruit was picked on 20 February 2019.

Vineyard: The co-planted varieties all came from the Old Quarter of the vineyard. NASAA certified organic and biodynamic.

Winemaking: The three varieties were picked together and completely destemmed and fermented on their skins. After being fermented with indigenous yeast, 670L was transferred into a Georgian clay quevri with a skins to juice ratio of 40:60. The quevri was sealed with wax for maturation and then opened and pressed in November 2019. 600 bottles made.

*Varieties:* 95% Semillon, 5% Riesling and Ugni Blanc. *Alcohol*: 13.5%

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.

