



**ALKINA**  
BAROSSA VALLEY

## 2019 Alkina Polygon No. 1

A very detailed study of our terroir has yielded a unique expression of Shiraz from a thin strip of old vines that we have identified as Polygon 1. A layered and extremely complex wine where pepper and Asian spice complement a vital core of cool red and black fruit and beautifully shaped tannin.

*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, leading to an earlier than normal harvest. Just 610kg of Polygon 1 Shiraz was picked on 20 February 2019.

*Vineyard:* This 0.4 hectare polygon is part of the Old Quarter of the vineyard and was split into four distinct parcels by our terroir specialist, Pedro Parra, during his second visit in 2018. Three parcels of vines sit on heavily fractured micaceous schist. One small area of 0.097 hectares in the middle lacks this schist content and is excluded from the ferment. NASAA certified organic and biodynamic.

*Winemaking:* The tiny quantity of hand picked fruit was transferred to the winery just 20 metres away, where it was fermented with indigenous yeast in a concrete tulip. It was left as 100% whole bunches. Basket pressed and matured for nine months in a ten year old 400L barrel. 562 bottles and 50 magnums made.

*Variety:* 100% Shiraz

*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.

