



ALKINA

BAROSSA VALLEY

2020 Kin Birdsong Shiraz

The Kin label allows us to expand our winemaking knowledge while exploring new vineyard parcels and blends each year. This is the first Shiraz in the Kin range and speaks of the wild beauty and energy of Shiraz in our rocky vineyard. Cool blue and black fruit and fresh turned earth give way to an intense yet vibrant palate framed by svelte tannin and bright acidity.

Artwork for this label was created by Adnyamathanha artist Damien Coulthard: *"Our elders hold a memory code attained over 60,000 years of speaking with and caring for country. Our country is our Mother, the life provider to thousands of native species of plants, animals, and insects. All play an integral role in healing our country and ensuring sustainable futures."*

Season: Following the theme of previous years, 2020 was a low yielding vintage of excellent quality. Yields were at least 50% down on the long term average. Winter and spring saw lower than average rainfall with some particularly temperamental weather experienced in spring. December and January were hot and dry, but February provided much needed relief allowing gentle, slower ripening before vintage.

Vineyard: The parcels of fruit that made up this blend came from the Old Quarter and two very different polygons: Polygon 14 (clay, young vine) and small portion of Polygon 1 (schist, old vine) which was de-classified this year. NASAA certified organic and biodynamic.

Winemaking: The various parcels were picked and vinified separately as always. A high percentage was left as whole bunches. Each was fermented with indigenous yeast and then matured in different vessels for about 15 months: Polygon 1 in amphora, the Old Quarter fruit in concrete and Polygon 14 in a large, old oak foudre. 1000 bottles made.

Variety: 100% Shiraz

Alcohol: 12.7%

About Alkina: Alkina is a new story on an old place. 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.

