



ALKINA
BAROSSA VALLEY

2020 Alkina Old Quarter

An elegant, perfumed blend of Grenache, Shiraz and Mataro from the Old Quarter of the Alkina vineyard, planted in the 1950s. This is a pure expression of the character of the site that we arrived at by splitting it into its constituent geological parts before blending to find beauty, character and harmony.

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 characteristics of Old Quarter from 2020 are underpinned by the intense Grenache from Polygon 4 which is planted on hard, fractured clay with a little schist. It makes up 60% of the blend. We did not include Polygon 2 Grenache in 2020 (as per 2019). The P4 was blended with the Mataro from P6 (20%) and the Shiraz from P8 and P7 (15%) plus some declassified Polygon 1 Shiraz (5%). NASAA certified organic and biodynamic.

Winemaking: The Shiraz and Grenache were hand picked and sorted, then fermented separately as 100% whole bunches with only indigenous yeast in concrete tulips. The Mataro was destemmed and fermented in an oak cuvee. Each element was basket pressed and then matured for 15 months in concrete egg (P4), old oak (P1) or concrete tulip (Mataro and P8/7 Shiraz). 2000 bottles and 50 magnums made.

Varieties: 60% Grenache, 20% Shiraz, 20% Mataro.

Alcohol: 13.8%

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.

