



ALKINA
BAROSSA VALLEY

2021 Kin Birdsong Shiraz

The follow-up to our first Birdsong once again dials up the wild beauty and energy of Shiraz in our rocky vineyard. Old vine Mataro in '21 was so good that a splash of it made it in here too. Bright and pure red and blue fruit drive powerfully through the palate, allied with structured tannins and savoury inflections.

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: 2021 was an outstanding vintage with elevated levels of natural acidity, tannin, flavour and colour thanks to the long, cool later part of the growing season. Good early winter and early spring rains raised hopes of good soil moisture levels but overall this didn't quite follow through and it was a dry season again. January onwards saw cool, even days and a long, slow, even ripening period where phenolic development was in line with both sugars and flavour.

Vineyard: Block 5&6 Shiraz (from the Old Quarter) makes up the backbone of the blend and is complemented by Polygon 11 Shiraz (young vine, schist) and old vine Block 3 Mataro. NASAA certified organic and biodynamic.

Winemaking: The various parcels were picked and vinified separately. Roughly 60% whole bunch in the Shiraz, with Mataro destemmed. Fermented wild and matured in concrete for 8 months before blending and final 2 months in old oak foudre and hogsheads. 220 dozen and 90 magnums.

Variety: 89% Shiraz, 11% 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.

