

2021 Kin Wild Earth Field White

Semillon, Riesling and Ugni Blanc were co-fermented on their skins in a single Georgian qvevri to yield a fascinating, saline, textural wine with great freshness, complexity and structure.

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: 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: 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 on 20 Feb and completely destemmed and fermented wild, on their skins in a Georgian clay qvevri. After fermentation the qvevri was sealed up until November, at which point the juice was drained through a sieve and about 400L recovered. Bottled in March 2022. Unfined and unfiltered. 30 dozen made.

Varieties: 95% Semillon, 5% Riesling and Ugni Blanc. *Alcohol:* 12.2%

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.

