



ALKINA

BAROSSA VALLEY

2021 Kin Night Sky

2021 is the third rendition of this classic Grenache, Shiraz and Mataro blend. Stony, mineral characters intersect with plums, cherries, violets and bright spice. Juicy and intense with an easy, balanced flow through to gravelly tannins on the finish.

Artwork for this label was created by Adnyamathanha artist Damien Coulthard: *"Diverse Aboriginal Nations across Australia share distinct cultural and spiritual heritage with their environments, including the night skies. The night skies; the moon and stars, like the land, are interconnected and part of an intrinsic, interwoven, continuous life cycle."*

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 fruit came from a mixture of Old Quarter (Blk 7 Grenache and Block 3 Mataro – both 1950s plantings) as well as younger material: Polygon 11 Shiraz on schist and Block 18 & 22 Grenache, also on schist. NASAA certified organic and biodynamic.

Winemaking: The three varieties were picked and vinified separately before being brought together in a blend. Each was fermented wild and matured separately in concrete before blending and final 2 months in a 2700L foudre. An average of 70% was left as whole bunches. 300 dozen and 90 magnums.

Varieties: 48% Grenache, 37% Shiraz, 15% Mataro.

Alcohol: 14.6%

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.

