

2021 Kin Red Semillon

The Kin label allows us to expand our winemaking knowledge while exploring new vineyard parcels and blends each year. This new wine is the result of pure experimentation. It is a barrel fermented blend of Semillon, Semillon Gris and a little Shiraz that delivers spice, savouriness and texture.

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 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: 2016 plantings near Greenock Creek. Curiously the block was planted with Semillon cuttings but evolved to Semillon, Semillon Gris (red skinned) and some odd Shiraz vines. A happy accident! NASAA certified organic and biodynamic.

Winemaking: The block was picked on 2nd March and all three varieties spent 8 hours on skins before going into one large, older 1650L foudre together for natural fermentation. This stopped on its own just before malo-lactic fermentation was complete, at which point it was transferred to mature on fine lees in concrete for 2 months before bottling. 2160 bottles made.

Varieties: A field blend of co-picked and co-fermented Semillon and Semillon Gris (with a few Shiraz vines too) *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.

Artwork for this label was created by artist and poet, Daimon Downey, after he visited the vineyard.



