



**ALKINA**  
BAROSSA VALLEY

## 2021 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 in 2021 shows the fruit intensity of the season overlaid on fresh, long and seamless tannins that coat the mouth.

*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:* Polygon 4 is once again the essential base for this vintage, making up 47.5% of the blend. Bush vines sit on heavily fractured clay with schist in the fractures. The nearby Block 7 Grenache, also planted in the 50s makes up 12.5% of the blend. With an abundance of good Shiraz in 2021 we managed to include 20% Polygon 1 Shiraz (on schist) here and 20% Block 3 Mataro, as per previous year. NASAA certified organic and biodynamic.

*Winemaking:* The Grenache parcels were hand picked and sorted, then fermented separately as 100% whole bunches with only indigenous yeast in concrete tulips. They both then matured in concrete for 9 months. The Mataro was destemmed, fermented and matured in concrete and the Shiraz fermented with 60% whole bunches in concrete. In January 2022 the 4 elements were blended and put back in a tulip until bottling in April. 130 dozen made.

*Varieties:* 60% Grenache, 20% Shiraz, 20% Mataro.  
*Alcohol:* 14.0%

*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.

