



**ALKINA**  
BAROSSA VALLEY

## 2021 Spice Garden

The Spice Garden is a special part of the vineyard, uncovered as part of our work with Pedro Parra. Polygon 10... "a vomit of limestone in a sea of schist..." is always the central component, and with lifted florals, cool fruit character, spice and Barossa garrigue...there is a lot going on here. In a richer year this is complete and perfectly poised follow up to the nervy 2020.

*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:* A fascinating exercise every year in understanding the influence of different geologies. As per 2020 the base (83%) was Polygon 10 Shiraz (vines planted on limestone). Polygon 11 didn't fare as well in 2021 so we were lucky to be able to include some of Polygon 1 as the schist component (17%). As per previous year the powerful clay based Polygon 14 was excluded. NASAA certified organic and biodynamic.

*Winemaking:* P10 was picked on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 11 days after P1 and was fermented with indigenous yeast and 60% whole bunches in a concrete tulip. It was basket pressed into neutral large format oak. P1 was also fermented with 60% whole bunches in concrete, with its maturation also in concrete until blending with P10 in Jan 2022 and bottling in April. 130 dozen made.

*Variety:* 100% Shiraz  
*Alcohol:* 13.9%

*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.

