



ALKINA
BAROSSA VALLEY

2022 Kin Birdsong Shiraz

Fruit purity and aromatic complexity are two of the calling cards of the 2022 Birdsong. So much going on here, with pepper, spice, violets and a cool red and blue fruit character. Mid-weight, fresh and bursting with energy, the textured tannins help prolong the finish beautifully.

Artwork for this label was created by Adnyamathanha artist Damien Coulthard: *"Our elders hold a memory code attained over 60,000 years of speaking with and caring for country. Our country is our Mother, the life provider to thousands of native species of plants, animals, and insects. All play an integral role in healing our country and ensuring sustainable futures."*

Season: It was a cool, but compressed, vintage that stands alone in style next to recent years. After good early winter rains, it turned cold and dry, before warming in Dec/Jan. February saw mild, slow-ripening conditions until a burst of rain had us on edge before a warm spell ripened everything almost at once. Yields were right in the zone and quality was excellent, with complex aromas and a distinctive tannin quality to the year. We feel it's more restrained and elegant than 2021, but still with good expression of flavour.

Vineyard: Polygon 14 Shiraz (young vine, clay) makes up the backbone of the blend this year and is complemented by Polygon 11 Shiraz (young vine, schist) and old vine Block 5&6 Shiraz. NASAA certified organic and biodynamic.

Winemaking: The various parcels were picked and vinified separately with roughly 75% whole bunches. Fermented wild and matured in concrete for 8 months before blending and final 2 months in an old oak foudre. 350 dozen and 100 magnums.

Variety: 100% Shiraz
Alcohol: 13.8%

About Alkina: Our organic farm, in the Western Ranges of the Barossa Valley, consists of 43 hectares of vines planted to Grenache, Shiraz, Mataro and Semillon, with the oldest vines dating from the 1950s. Alkina sits on the traditional lands of the Ngadjuri people and we seek to honour the land's Aboriginal history and to learn from their deep connection with country.

