



# ALKINA

BAROSSA VALLEY

## 2022 Kin Grenache

The Kin label allows us to expand our winemaking knowledge while exploring new vineyard parcels and blends each year. What a fantastic year for Grenache! This bolts out of the glass with lifted fresh and dried flower aromas, as well as red cherry and strawberry. Fruit has a cool, savoury, almost mineral aspect and the chalky tannins are perfectly enmeshed in the wine.

*Season:* 2022 saw a cool, but compressed vintage that stands alone in style next to recent years. After good early winter rains, it turned cold and dry, leading to delayed budburst and slow growth in the vineyard. After November frost and hail it warmed up through December and then Jan/Feb saw mild, slow-ripening conditions. A burst of rain at the end of Feb 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 fruit flavours and slightly lower acids.

*Vineyard:* Fruit came from blocks 18 and 22, both planted in 2016. Block 18, picked on 21 & 25 March, is on a schist base with more clay. Block 22 was picked on 21 March and has quartzite and limestone seams. It is elevated and planted to bush vines along the hill's contours. NASAA certified organic and biodynamic.

*Winemaking:* Fruit was hand picked and then fermented in 4 separate parcels as 100% whole bunches. Three ferments were in concrete and one in stainless steel. Roughly 3 weeks each on skins and all then basket pressed and into concrete, apart from one smaller parcel in steel. 6 months maturation before blending and bottling in October 2022. 750 cases & 90 magnums.

*Varieties:* 100% Grenache  
*Alcohol:* 13.8%

*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 43ha 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 designer, Damian Hamilton.

