



**ALKINA**  
BAROSSA VALLEY

## 2022 Kin Night Sky

A deep and intense rendition of this wonderful blend. Dark cherries and plums with spice notes and garrigue. The fruit is ripe, but very bright, and the tightly wound structure opens up beautifully with air. The fine, smooth tannins, typical of the year, are beautifully integrated.

Artwork for this label was created by Adnyamathanha artist Damien Coulthard: *"Diverse Aboriginal Nations across Australia share distinct cultural and spiritual heritage with their environments, including the night skies. The night skies; the moon and stars, like the land, are interconnected and part of an intrinsic, interwoven, continuous life cycle."*

*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:* Seven different Polygons and blocks supplied fruit for this blend, including P4 and Blocks 7 and 18 (all Grenache), P14, P11 and Blocks 5&6 (all Shiraz) and Block 3 (Mataro). Just over 60% of the fruit came from 1950s plantings. NASAA certified organic and biodynamic.

*Winemaking:* The three varieties were picked and vinified separately before being brought together in a blend. Each was fermented wild and matured separately in concrete before blending with no oak at all in 2022. An average of 70% was left as whole bunches. 370 dozen and 100 magnums.

*Varieties:* 44% Grenache, 39% Shiraz, 17% Mataro.  
*Alcohol:* 14.3%

*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.

