

## 2022 Kin Pink Semillon

The Kin label allows us to expand our winemaking knowledge while exploring new vineyard parcels and blends each year. This second release is a truly fascinating wine that defies all categorisation...except that it is more-ish and very thirst-quenching. Alpine herbs mingle with orange and nectarine notes on the nose and something of a light amaro herb character. Lipsmacking acidity and a sense of zip combine with orange fruit character on the palate. Edgy, vital and memorable.

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: 2016 plantings near Greenock Creek, in a curious block containing Semillon, Semillon Gris (red skinned) and some odd Shiraz vines. This year we only used the red skinned fruit. NASAA certified organic and biodynamic.

Winemaking: Just 858kg of red skinned fruit was hand-picked on 2nd March and it was then destemmed and divided into 2 Italian clay amphorae, where natural fermentation on full skins began. The free run juice then came out and we hand-pressed the skins before moving it to stainless steel before bottling, unfined and unfiltered. 50 dozen made.

Varieties: 100% Semillon Gris

Alcohol: 11.0%

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 43 hectares 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 poet, Daimon Downey, after he visited the vineyard.



