

2022 Kin Shiraz

The Kin label allows us to expand our winemaking knowledge while exploring new vineyard parcels and blends each year. 2022 is our 2nd release and displays a pretty, elegant vintage character that really suits this wine. It is lifted and floral, with red, blue and black fruit that feels cool and controlled. The tannins build on the palate and cut through the fruit, bringing savoury structure and savoury refreshment.

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: There were three different parcels of young and old vine Shiraz fruit in the blend: 87% comes from Block 23 (on schist) , 8% from Block 5&6 (Old Quarter) and 5% from Polygon 14 (on clay). NASAA certified organic and biodynamic.

Winemaking: Picked between 15th-19th March. Each parcel fermented naturally in concrete tulips, with approx. 85% whole bunch. Most went straight back to concrete for maturation after basket pressing, except the P14 component, which went to foudre. After 6 months ageing they were blended and then bottled in October 2022. 750 dozen and 90 magnums.

Varieties: 100% Shiraz *Alcohol*: 14.2%

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 designer, Damian Hamilton.

