



ALKINA
BAROSSA VALLEY

OLD QUARTER

An elegant, perfumed blend of Grenache, Shiraz and Mataro from the Old Quarter of the Alkina vineyard, planted in the 1950s. This is a pure expression of the character of the site that in 2022 shows the fruit intensity of the season overlaid on fresh, long and seamless tannins that coat the mouth.

[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 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 at once. Yields were right in the zone and quality was excellent, with complex aromas and a distinctive tannin quality to the year.

[VINEYARD]

It was an excellent year for Polygon No. 2 Grenache, which makes up 30% of the blend, with Polygon No. 4 also contributing 30%. The Shiraz component (35%) comes from Block 5&6, just below the Grenache Polygons and the final 5% from Block 3 Mataro. All vines are 70 years old. NASAA certified organic and biodynamic.

[WINEMAKING]

The Grenache parcels were hand picked and sorted, then naturally fermented separately in concrete tulips with 100% whole bunches for Polygon No. 4 and 70% for Polygon No. 2. They both then matured in concrete for 9 months. The Mataro was destemmed, fermented and matured in concrete and the Shiraz fermented with 50% whole bunches in concrete. In January 2023 the 4 elements were blended and put back in a tulip until bottling, 250 dozen made.

[VARIETIES] 60% Grenache, 35% Shiraz, 5% Mataro.

[ALCOHOL] 14%

[PRODUCTION] 250 dozen made

[CELLARING] 10+ years

[ABOUT ALKINA]

Alkina is a new story on an old place. Our certified organic and biodynamic farm sits on the traditional lands of the Ngadjuri people and we seek to honour the land's Indigenous history and to learn from their deep connection to country. We have 43 hectares of vines planted to Grenache, Shiraz, Mataro and Semillon, with the oldest vines dating from the 1950s.

