



ALKINA

BAROSSA VALLEY

POLYGON NO. 1

A savoury and intense expression of Shiraz from 6 rows of 70 year old vines. There are charcuterie notes with cassis and white pepper. The mid palate volume and intensity is impressive, with a scratchy tannin making its weight seamless and the texture captivating. This wine will continue to improve with age and will reward long cellaring.

[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]

This 0.4 hectare polygon is part of the Old Quarter of the vineyard and was split into four distinct parcels by our terroir specialist, Pedro Parra, during his second visit in 2018. Three parcels of vines sit on heavily fractured micaceous schist. One small area of 0.097 hectares in the middle lacks this schist content and is excluded from the ferment. NASAA certified organic and biodynamic.

[WINEMAKING]

1505kg was handpicked on the 15th of March and brought to the winery just 20 metres away. 50% whole bunches were hand bucketed into concrete tulip and fermented with indigenous yeast. After two weeks on skins, Polygon 1 was basket pressed, before going through malolactic fermentation. The wine was then racked to concrete egg for 9 months of maturation before bottling in August 2023.

[VARIETIES] 100% Shiraz

[ALCOHOL] 14%

[PRODUCTION] 746 bottles

[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.

