



ALKINA

BAROSSA VALLEY

POLYGON NO. 5

A deep and thoughtful wine that at the same time manages to be fresh and expressive. The nose is complex displaying red fruit, amaro hints and forest floor notes with decaying roses. The palate is awash with ripe cranberry and pomegranate and is chalky and energetic in its texture. A seamless wine with amazing ageing potential.

[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]

Polygon No. 5 consists of two very similar nearby parcels making up 0.37 hectares in size. Working with terroir specialist, Pedro Parra, we identified this polygon to be uniquely significant because of its heavily fractured schist composition. There are deeper soils sitting above a thick band of micaceous schist that contains veins of iron-rich clay within the fractures. NASAA certified organic and biodynamic.

[WINEMAKING]

1893kg of fruit was handpicked on the 15th of March from Polygon No. 5. 30% of the fruit was destemmed and the remaining 70% whole bunches were hand bucketed into a concrete tulip. With a cool ferment and gentle extraction, it was pressed after nearly a month on skins before malolactic fermentation. The wine was matured in concrete egg for 12 months and bottled in August 2023.

[VARIETIES] 100% Grenache

[ALCOHOL] 14%

[PRODUCTION] 806 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.

