



ALKINA
BAROSSA VALLEY

STRIATO

Striato (formerly known as 'Spice Garden') refers to striations, or long narrow abrasions on rock, created by the movement of a glacier. It reminds us of the 600+ million year old geological history of this land.

A savoury, medium weight Shiraz with layers of flavour and amazing depth. Soaring aromas of red and blue fruit overlaid with Asian spice and graphite. The palate is impressively balanced between elegant fruit texture and the cool tannin of Shiraz grown on limestone.

[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]

A fascinating exercise every year in understanding the influence of different geologies. The base (90%) was Polygon 10 Shiraz (vines planted on limestone). Like 2021 we were lucky to be able to include some of Polygon 1 as the schist component (10%) for structure and depth. NASAA certified organic and biodynamic.

[WINEMAKING]

P1 and P10 were picked on the 15th and 19th of March. Both components were fermented in concrete as 80% (P10) and 50% (P1) whole bunches before pressing back to concrete for maturation. Components remained separate until blending in October and bottling in December 2022.

[VARIETIES] 100% Shiraz

[ALCOHOL] 13.5%

[PRODUCTION] 111 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.

