



# ALKINA

BAROSSA VALLEY

## STRIATO

Striato 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. Layers of cherry wood, dark rose and graphite show at first. The purple fruit and florals, distinctive of Polygon 1 (quartzite and schist) follow. Polygon 10 (limestone) provides a flick of graphite and balsamic on the nose, the hallmarks being in its fine velvet-like tannin.

### [SEASON]

Even though 2023 will generally go down as a cool, wet and challenging year, we're delighted with the results. Freshness and purity are hallmarks of the vintage. Our healthy organic vineyard showed its resilience against mildew and other dangers and the late start to the season meant flavour and sugar ripeness dovetailed nicely. Most of our fruit came in over an intense 11 day period in late March before the weather turned cold and wet again.

### [VINEYARD]

A fascinating exercise every year in understanding the influence of different geologies. The base (60%) was Polygon 10 Shiraz (vines planted on limestone). This year we included a larger portion of schist with 20% from Polygon 1, as well as Block 5+6 from the Old Quarter (10%) for structure and depth. The remaining 10% came from Polygon 11 with shallow top-soil on schist. Southern Cross Certified organic and biodynamic.

### [WINEMAKING]

Polygon 10, 11 and 1 were hand-picked between the 18th and 26th of March and sorted into concrete tulips as their individual Polygons, then, fermented in concrete tulip with 70-80% left as whole bunches. Fruit from Block 5+6 (schist and clay) was picked on 21st of March and fermented as 60% whole bunches in concrete tulip. Polygon 10 was pressed and matured on lees without sulfur for 7 months, while other components were matured in a combination of concrete and large format oak foudre (Polygon 11). Blended in December and matured in a 700L concrete tulip and 320L ceramic amphora before bottling.

[VARIETIES] 100% Shiraz

[ALCOHOL] 13.5%

[PRODUCTION] 93 dozen produced

[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.

