



ALKINA

BAROSSA VALLEY

ESTATE SHIRAZ

Marking our 10 year milestone in the vineyard, this new Estate trio draws upon 70 year old blocks in which fruit quality has increased significantly thanks to increased experience and viticultural focus. Shiraz was outstanding in 2024 across the board, and this Estate Shiraz shows the generosity of the season with a core of cool red and blue fruit and meaty, peppery notes on the edges. There's a round plushness to the tannin profile and the resulting mouthfeel.

[SEASON]

A long cold winter saw a dry start to the growing season, which proceeded with little rainfall and no disease pressure. This yielded open canopies and generally smaller bunches and berries. After our earliest ever start to picking, on 5th February, consistently warm days and nights meant a fast, compressed vintage, with yields right in the zone and resulting sugar, flavour and tannin development coming together beautifully. The last fruit was pressed on the 23rd March, just before Easter.

[VINEYARD]

A blend of superior Shiraz blocks and polygons, with its heart drawn from old vines on clay in Block 9&1 (38% of blend) and young vines in Polygon No. 20 (32%), which sit on a diagonal strip of limestone in Block 20. Smaller components come from Block 23 (6%) and Polygon 11 (8%), with the balance from a single concrete amphora containing a blend of Polygon 1 and Block 23. Southern Cross Certified organic and biodynamic.

[WINEMAKING]

Each block was hand-picked, sorted and naturally fermented with varying amounts of whole bunch – between 50% and 80%. The different parcels were basket-pressed and then matured separately for 12 months before blending. The larger components were in concrete tulips, while the Block 23 and P11 components spent time in large, older oak foudres. The result of the P1/B23 blend in the Tava concrete amphora were superb and a great example of the potential of this vessel.

[VARIETIES] 100% Shiraz

[ALCOHOL] 13%

[PRODUCTION] 215 dozen produced

[CELLARING] Enjoy now or up to 10 years in the cellar

[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.

