



ALKINA

BAROSSA VALLEY

POLYGON NO. 1

2024 is a fascinating vintage for our only single Polygon Shiraz release. The wine starts slowly and softly but, with air, grows and grows before finishing with a peacock's tail of complex characters. Red and dark cherry, cocoa powder, bacon fat and violet aromas sit amongst some spicy whole bunch notes. On the palate it's taut and tense initially but opens up over hours to reveal expansive flavours and texture within a sleek exterior. 2024 might just be a quiet epic...

[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]

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. Southern Cross certified organic and biodynamic.

[WINEMAKING]

1883kg was handpicked on the 16th Feb 2024. Fermented naturally in concrete tulip with 80% whole bunches this season. After 25 days on skins, Polygon 1 was basket pressed, before going through malolactic fermentation. The wine was then racked to one 700L Nomblot concrete egg for 22 months of maturation before bottling.

[VARIETIES] 100% Shiraz

[ALCOHOL] 12.5%

[PRODUCTION] 828 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.

