ALKINA

BAROSSA VALLEY

POLYGON NO. 3

The 2024 Polygon No. 3 shows many similarities to the 2023 edition, albeit from a very different set of vintage conditions. Pure and ethereal, the nose displays cherry, red apple skin and light floral and green herb notes. It is supremely fine boned and elegant, but on the palate shows great energy and drive, allied with a super fine blanket of chalky tannin.

[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]
Polygon No. 3 is just 0.274 hectares in size and contains approximately 200 vines. Below a very narrow band of topsoil lies a bed of heavily fractured schist with crumbly, powdery limestone in the fractures. Aligned with this unusual combination is a complete absence of iron-rich clay. Southern Cross certified organic and biodynamic.

[WINEMAKING]
1372kg of Polygon 3 fruit was handpicked and delivered to the winery on the 16th Feb 2024. Fermented naturally in concrete tulip with 80% whole bunches and the rest destemmed. P3 spent a total of 30 days on skins before basket pressing and maturation for 22 months in one 700L Nomblot concrete egg, before being bottled unfined and unfiltered.

[VARIETIES] 100% Grenache
[ALCOHOL] 13%
[PRODUCTION] 790 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.