



ALKINA
BAROSSA VALLEY

POLYGON NO. 5

Polygon No. 5 presents a more delicate personality in 2024. Of course it is darker, more brooding and a touch deeper than Polygon No. 3 (on limestone), and it has the combination of schist and iron-rich clay within the fractures to thank for this. Blood orange, plum and dark cherry provide a juicy core, around which rises a vertical scaffold of fresh and firm schist tannin. Tense and nervy, the 2024 combines lightness of colour with surprising depth and structure, hinting at a long life ahead.

[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. 5 consists of two very similar nearby parcels making up 0.37 hectares in size. It is significant for its heavily fractured schist that contains clay and iron in the fractures. With a slightly thicker band of topsoil, there is more clay influence here, but once you get more than four feet down the schist becomes quite dense. Southern Cross certified organic and biodynamic.

[WINEMAKING]

1942kg of fruit was handpicked on the 19th Feb 2024 from Polygon No. 5. Just like P3, we left 80% as whole bunches in the ferment, which took place in an unlined concrete tulip. With a cool, natural ferment and gentle extraction, it was pressed after nearly a month on skins before malolactic fermentation. The wine was matured in a 700L egg for 15 months before being bottled unfinned and unfiltered..

[VARIETIES] 100% Grenache

[ALCOHOL] 13.5%

[PRODUCTION] 890 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.

