



ALKINA

BAROSSA VALLEY

POLYGON NO. 1

A savoury and lifted expression of Shiraz from 6 rows of 70-year-old vines. Wildly aromatic from a cool year, this young wine presents a wall of cool blue and black fruit with charcuterie and pepper hints. It's complete, seamless and utterly compelling on the palate with integrated tannin and a distinctly mineral feel. This wine will continue to improve with age and will reward long cellaring.

[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]

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]

2084kg was handpicked on the 18th of March. Fermented naturally in concrete tulip with 80% whole bunches this season. After 18 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 9 months of maturation before bottling.

[VARIETIES] 100% Shiraz

[ALCOHOL] 13.5%

[PRODUCTION] 878 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.

