



ALKINA

BAROSSA VALLEY

POLYGON NO. 5

Polygon No. 5 has thrived in this cool year, presenting a darker, brooding nose of crushed rock, red and dark berries and a wild, amaro-inflected spice profile. Opens up slowly and magnificently in the glass, revealing blood orange, pomegranate and dark berry notes on the palate. There's real presence here – with a silhouette that fills the doorway – and a tannin profile that is perhaps even more integrated at this young stage than in years previous. Energy, tension and a real sense of subtlety in 2023.

[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]

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]

1700kg of fruit was handpicked on the 15th of March from Polygon No. 5. Just like P3, we left 80% as whole bunches in the ferment as always in Nicol Velo 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 1200L concrete tulip for 10 months and bottled in February 2024.

[VARIETIES] 100% Grenache

[ALCOHOL] 14%

[PRODUCTION] 979 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.

