



# ALKINA

BAROSSA VALLEY

## 2019 Alkina Old Quarter

An elegant, perfumed blend of Grenache, Shiraz and Mataro from the Old Quarter of the Alkina vineyard. This is the purest expression of the character of the site, our soils and our oldest vines, with minimal winemaking intrusion.

**Season:** 2019 was an exceptional Barossa vintage, but also one with the lowest yields in the past decade. Dry conditions in winter and spring were followed by frost events during budburst and wind during flowering. January and February were warm, leading to the harvest, throughout February, of small quantities of intense fruit.

**Vineyard:** We mapped the Old Quarter to reveal very specific parcels of vines that are unique in their geologies. We call these Polygons, with each being on predominantly limestone, schist or clay bases. The characteristics of Old Quarter are underpinned by the intense Grenache from Polygon 4 which consists of schist and clay that is complemented with the lighter material from Polygon 2 on hard schist and wind blown limestone. These components were blended with the Mataro from P6 and the Shiraz from P8 and P7. NASAA certified organic and biodynamic.

**Winemaking:** Tiny quantities of these 3 varieties were hand picked and sorted, then fermented separately with only indigenous yeast in concrete tulips. An average of 70% was left as whole bunches. Basket pressed and matured for 12 months in concrete and one older French oak Gamba demi-muid. 1800 bottles and 150 magnums made.

**Varieties:** 50% Grenache, 29% Shiraz, 21% Mataro.

**Alcohol:** 14.2%

**About Alkina:** Alkina is a new story on an old place. We seek to understand, nurture and ultimately express this beautiful land in its wines, its values and its experiences for visitors and drinkers. Our certified organic and biodynamic farm sits on the traditional lands of the Ngadjuri people and we seek to honour the land's Aboriginal history and to learn from their regenerative farming philosophy. We have 43 hectares of vines planted to Grenache, Shiraz, Mataro and Semillon, with the oldest vines dating from the 1950s.



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