

# ALKINA

BAROSSA VALLEY

New Frontier is proudly importing the wines of Alkina, including ultra-small productions of Semillon, Grenache, and of course Shiraz. From the beginning of the Alkina journey in 2015, we have worked with the goal of gaining an intimate knowledge of the land we farm and care for, believing that this knowledge would help us to uphold the values of regenerative farming and understand the type and scale of terroir variability across the vineyard. Internationally renowned Geologist Pedro Parra has led us to many discoveries that allowed us to rely less on the tools of winemaking and more on the knowledge that the secret of creating real terroir wines lies deep within the rocks and soils of our location.

'ALKINA' is an Indigenous Australian girl's name meaning 'Moon' or 'Moonlight'. This name embodies our respect for the land and the many forces of nature that we work with to bring life, energy, and authenticity to our wines. Ancient stones and soils,

organic and biodynamic viticulture, and small-scale winemaking lead to the creation of unique microterroir wines, grown and made on our estate in the Western Barossa ranges. The farm at Alkina was established in 2015 when Argentinian vintner, Alejandro Bulgheroni purchased a property near Greenock in the Barossa Valley with a vineyard planted in the 1950s and old stone buildings built in the 1850s.

Together with local winegrower, Amelia Nolan, they both loved the rolling hills and the promise of the geology that lay beneath, as well as the area of old Grenache, Shiraz, Mataro, and Semillon vines that we now call the Old Quarter. The winery now grows 43 hectares of vines with younger plantings accompanying the old, still focusing on the heritage varieties that have found their natural home in the region. All Alkina wines are crafted on the farm which is organic and biodynamic certified.



### Alkina Shiraz Polygon No. 1

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Polygon 1 was defined in Pedro's second visit in 2018. The block is 0.4ha which Pedro divided into separate areas and recommended that we exclude one section of 0.097ha which lacks the fractured schist of the other sections. A very detailed study of terroir yields a unique expression of Greenock

Shiraz from a thin strip of old vines behind the Alkina homestead that we have identified as Polygon 1. A layered and extremely complex wine where pepper and Asian spice complement a vital core of cool red and black fruit and beautifully shaped tannin.

### Alkina Grenache Polygon No. 3



Polygon 3 is 0.274 hectares (ha) and approximately 200 vines. Its soil profile is shallow red-brown earth over deep chalky, sedimentary limestone which contains fractured schist and limited iron. A Grenache with an ethereal

lifted style with complex red fruit and spice overlaid on its mineral background and a great sense of energy on the palate.





#### Alkina Grenache Polygon No. 5

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Polygon 5 comprises two similar parcels of 0.12ha and 0.25ha, a total of 0.37ha. These Polygon 5 sections have deeper soils and well-fractured schist with ferric clay (within the fractures). A singular expression of Grenache from Polygon 5, a tiny patch of our old vineyard that we have

studied extensively and picked and vinified separately. Wild in nature and darker in fruit complexion, this is a structured and intense wine with svelte, mouth-coating tannins.

## Alkina Grenache, Shiraz, Mataro Old Quarter



An elegant, perfumed blend of Grenache, Shiraz and Mataro from the Old Quarter of the Alkina vineyard, planted in the 1950s. This is a pure expression of the character of the site that we arrived at by splitting it into its constituent geological parts before blending to find beauty, character,

and harmony. This blend of Grenache Shiraz Mataro allows us the opportunity to create great wines by combining different Polygons. The characteristics of the Old Quarter are underpinned by the Grenache from Polygon 4 which consists of schist and clay which is complemented with the lighter Grenache from Polygon 2 which contains hard schist and wind-blown limestone. These components were blended with the Mataro from P6 and the Shiraz from P8 & P7.

