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Reed 2019 'Alexia' Grenache

Winemaker: Sierra Reed

Grape(s): Grenache

GI: Barossa Valley

Site(s): Schliebs Family Farm in Vine Vale

Vintage notes: A dry growing season from start to finish. December and January saw above-average temperatures, but February cooled enough to allow a relaxed, though early, harvest.

Vineyard notes: Schliebs Family Farm is a biodynamically-grown vineyard with 100-150 year old Grenache bush vines in the sandy Vine Vale subregion of the Barossa. Schliebs Family Farm is owned and maintained by Wayne Ahrens who makes his own wine under the Small Fry label.

Winemaking: Hand-picked at dawn and driven across the border by Sierra herself for vinification in Geelong. Hand destemmed and sorted, followed by wild fermentation and élevage in large format neutral French oak for twelve months. 20ppm free sulfur.

Closure: Stelvin

ABV: 13.5%

Winery Tasting Notes: Light garnet color in the glass. Aromas of rose petal, riberry (a native pink berry), pomegranate, sweet spice, dustings of pink pepper, strawberry gum, and cold old terracotta and earth. Bright and juicy with immediate appeal and complexity perhaps masked by its deliciousness.

Label design: Reed's labels and font are adapted from the 1937 catalog of a famous wine store in France called Nicolas, from the artist Jacques Darcy. "Alexia" is the name of Sierra's goddaughter in France, the daughter of the former assistant winemaker at Domaine de Vissoux.

Production size: 2,200 liters