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## Reed 2020 'Alexia' Grenache

**Winemaker:** Sierra Reed

**Grape(s):** Grenache

**GI:** Barossa Valley

**Site(s):** Schliebs Family Farm in Vine Vale

**Vintage notes:** Average rainfall through the winter, which was up from the previous year. A chilly and windy spring, with some weather events that created flowering issues, resulting in shot berries later in the year. Dry and cool summer, but with some warm weather spikes in February as grapes went through veraison.

**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%

**LEGEND 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 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:** 245 dozen

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