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## **Reed 2021 'Alexia' Grenache**

**Winemaker:** Sierra Reed

**Grape(s):** Grenache

**GI:** Barossa Valley

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

**Vintage notes:** Vintage was a few days earlier than normal with higher yields than the previous vintage. "But I have noticed," says Sierra, "that due to the nature of the way grenache ripens that all the vintages in this vineyard (except 2017 that was so wet and cold) are fairly consistent."

**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.

**Closure:** Stelvin **ABV:** 13.9%

**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). "It's like a great croissant," Sierra says. "Many fine layers that accumulate to an intense but airy product."

**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:** 250 dozen