

SIERRA REED

'alexia' grenache 2024



LEGEND

AUSTRALIAN WINE IMPORTS

Winemaker: Sierra Reed

Grape(s): Grenache

GI: Barossa Valley

Site(s): Schliebs Family Farm in Vine Vale

Vintage notes: Frost, lack of rain, and poor weather during flowering resulted in lower yields, however, the dry and consistent weather during picking resulted in a vintage of high-quality fruit. From Sierra: 'Wayne and Suzi's Grenache is so special you can taste it and each vintage has nuance that peels back another layer of its beauty. Sometimes you can see glimpses of past vintages in the wines, and this reminds me so much of 2017, the first year I made wine from this site. Fragile, haunting, woven and above all, sacred.'

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 and Suzi Ahrens.

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

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). '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 du Vissoux.

Production size: 333 dozen