

Exhibition catalogue

Aboriginal Contemporary and Martumili Artists are delighted to present

NGAYUKU KAPARLI-KURNU NGURRA – KULYAKARTU
(MY GRANDMOTHER'S COUNTRY – KALYAKARTU)

New works from Derrick Butt and Wilson Mandijalu of Martumili Artists

Exhibition opens Saturday 18 November 10:00am – 4:00pm

254 Bronte Road, Waverley, 2024



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Both artists were born on the WA coast - Derrick in Derby, Wilson in Broome - but both have discovered a deep connection to Kulyakartu in the Great Central Desert, the ancestral home of their grandmothers.

When he was a teenager, Derrick asked his grandmother "Where is your Country? I want to know your Country". She told him "Go to the desert, go to Parngurr (Kulyakartu) and you'll see my brothers and sisters". Derrick discovered not only his legendary artist relatives, Muuki, Nola and Mr Taylor, but also an immediate and profound connection to Country. "Painting my country strengthens that connection – knowing that I belong to that place. It's a tribute to my grandmother".

Wilson Mandijalu had never painted before visiting his grandmother's Country after his people were granted native title. "It felt like home when I got there. I didn't want to leave that place. All the grandparents, old people were painting. I would sit down and watch them paint. I was thinking that I could do painting like them".

Both artists depict the same revered and complex Country; its salt lakes, waterholes, shimmering undulations and dry, cracked claypans. Each paints it with his own unique style and palette, their works coming together in an elegantly curated show that is an authentic insight into First Nations peoples' relationship with their land.

Derrick is a senior artist with many successful exhibitions behind him. Wilson, an emerging artist with a bright future ahead. Aboriginal Contemporary and Martumili Artists are proud to bring this important body of Western Desert artwork to Sydney.

"My grandmother didn't manage to go back to her Country because she passed on, but I went back there and now I paint that Country – that Country is mine through my blood." – Derrick Butt

Derrick Butt

Kulyakartu – Seasons

MART23-537

Acrylic on Linen

152cm x 76cm

\$4,100.00



Derrick Butt

Kulyakartu – Seasons

MART23-536

Acrylic on Linen

152cm x 76cm

\$4,100.00



Derrick Butt

Kulyakartu – Seasons

MART23-717

Acrylic on Linen

152cm x 76cm

\$4,100.00



Derrick Butt

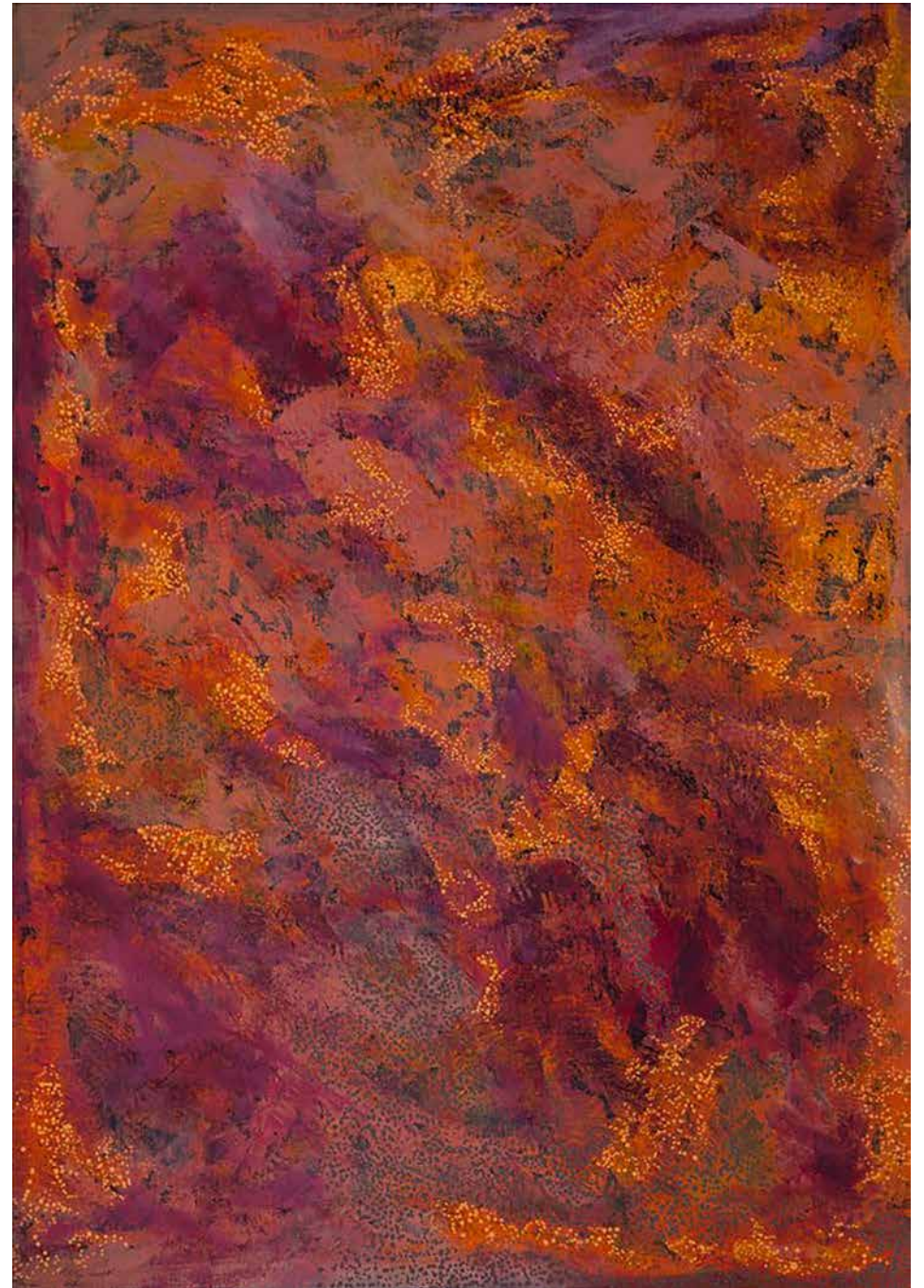
Kulyakartu

MART23-1380

Acrylic on Linen

106cm x 152cm

\$5,600.00



Wilson Mandijalu

Kulyakartu

MART23-462

Acrylic on Canvas

122cm x 76cm

\$2,300.00



Wilson Mandijalu

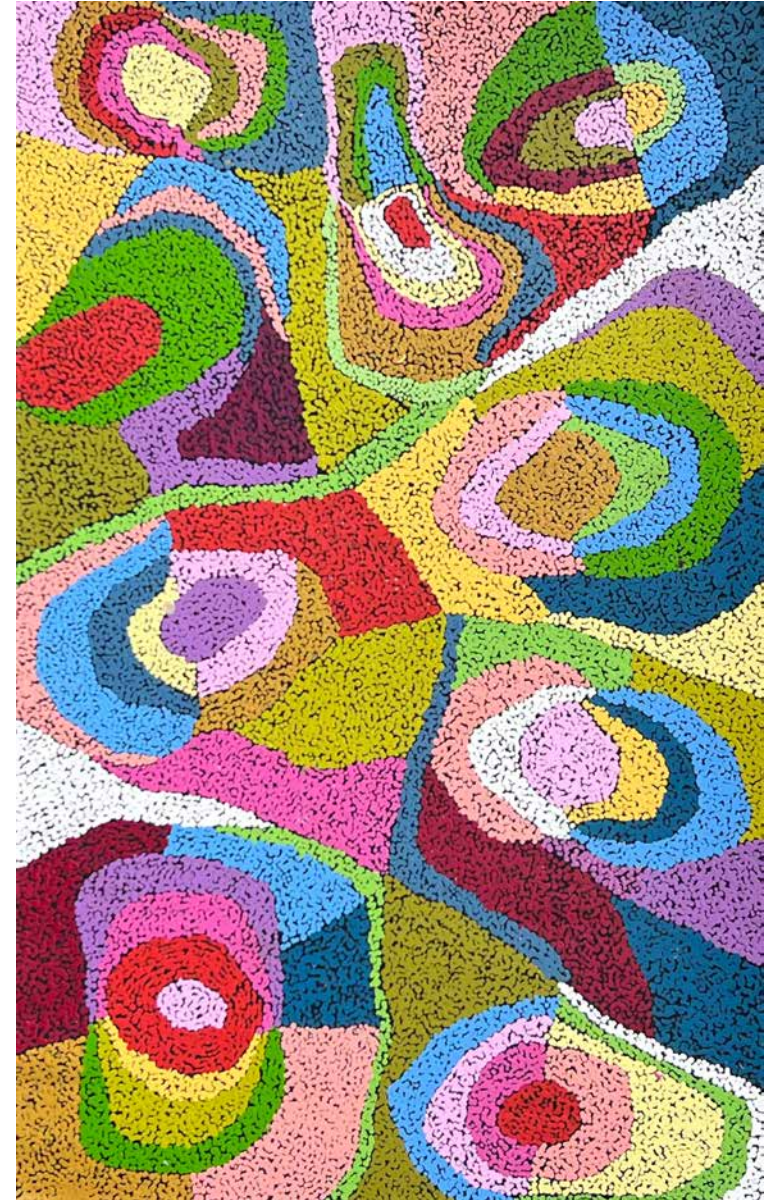
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MART23-459

Acrylic on Canvas

122cm x 76cm

\$2,300.00



Wilson Mandijalu

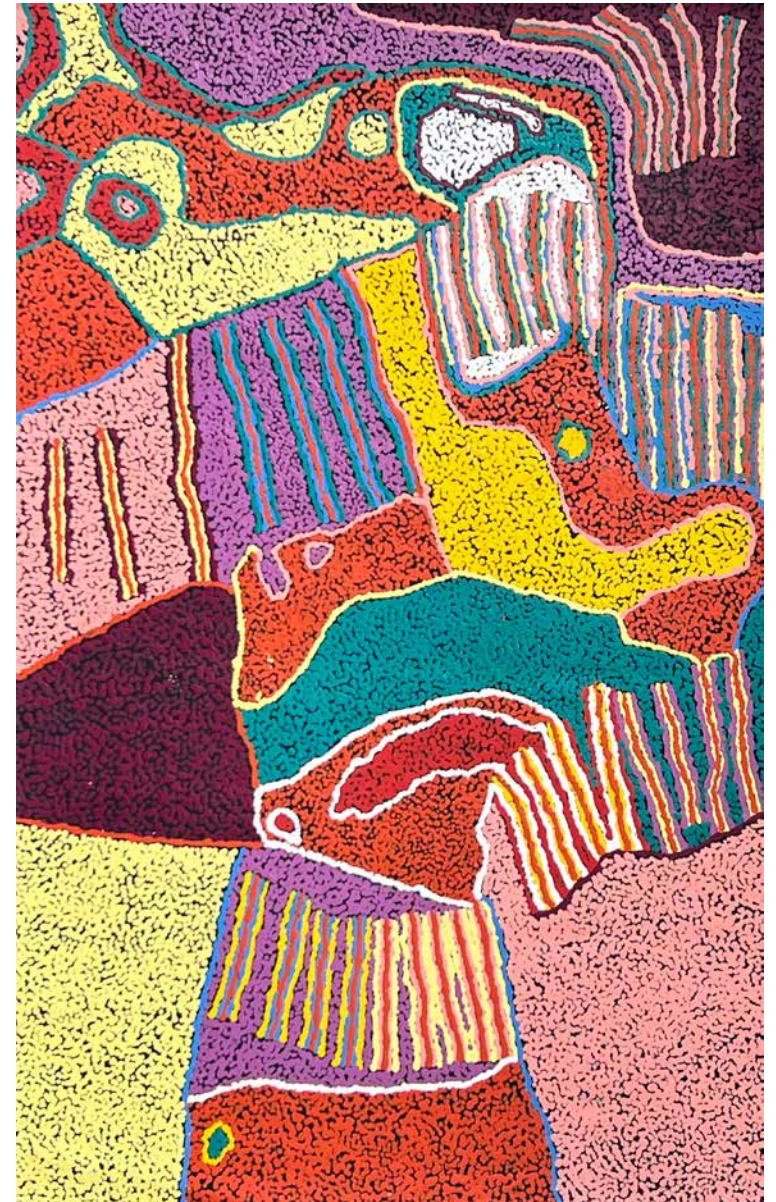
Kulyakartu

MART23-461

Acrylic on Canvas

122cm x 76cm

\$2,300.00



Derrick Butt

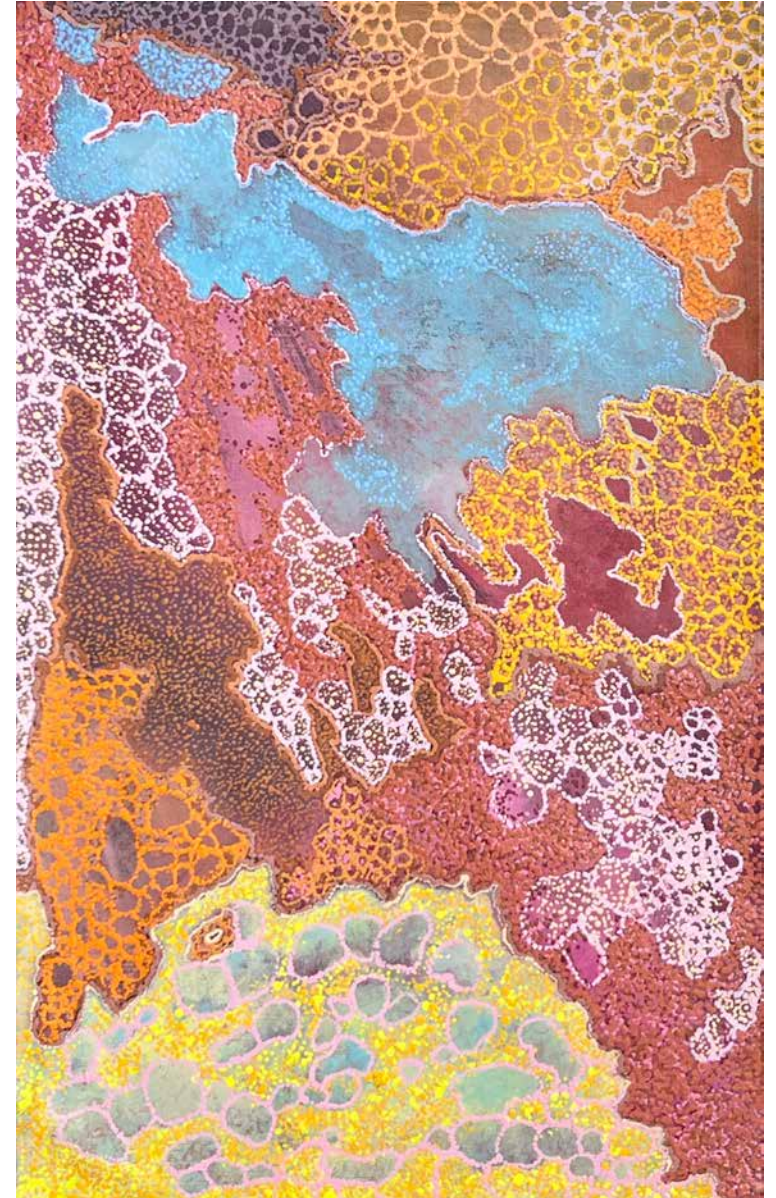
Kulyakartu

MART23-813

Acrylic on Linen

122cm x 76cm

\$3,300.00



Derrick Butt

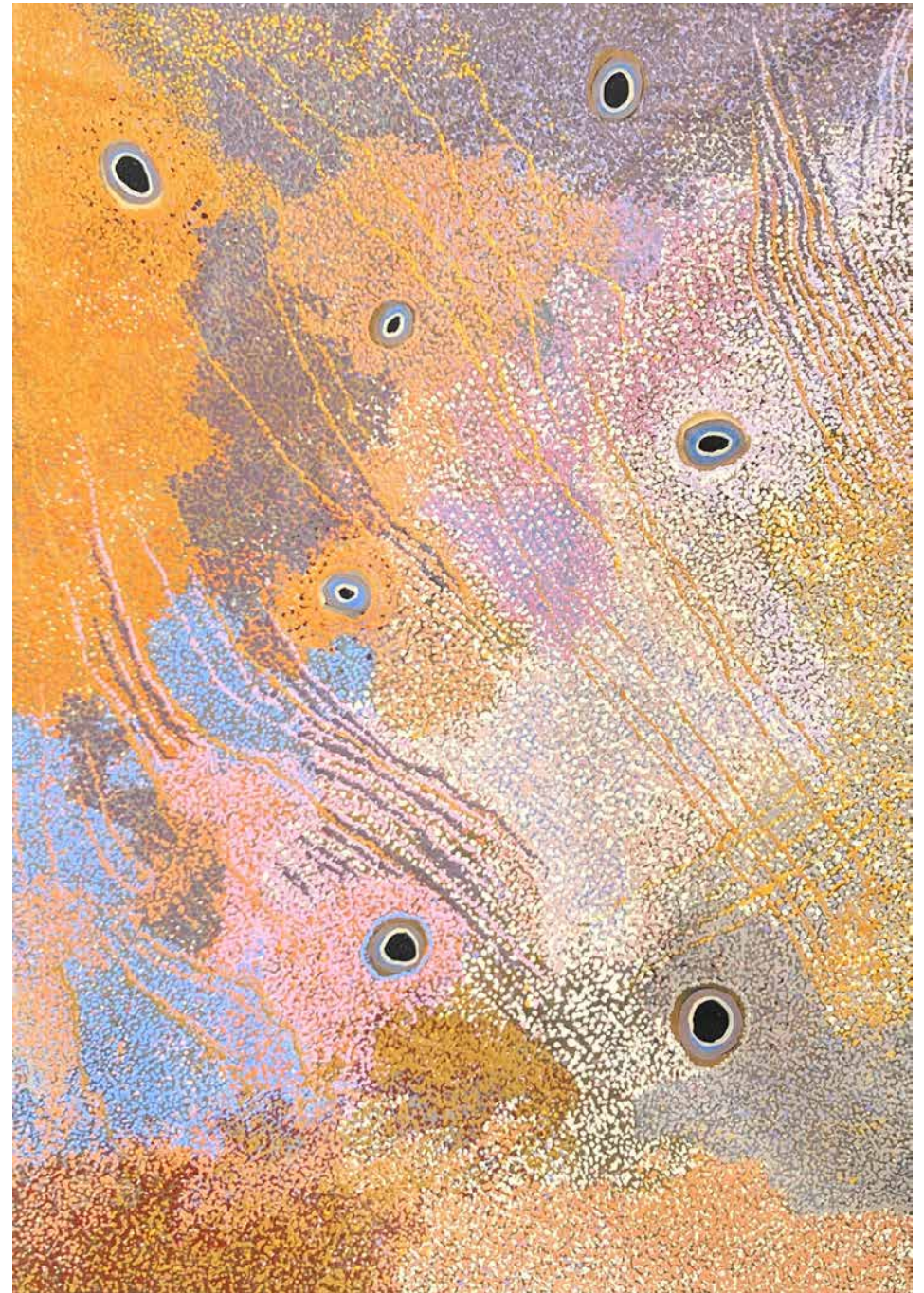
Kulyakartu

MART23-814

Acrylic on Linen

106cm x 152cm

\$5,600.00



Derrick Butt

Kulyakartu

MART23-1379

Acrylic on Linen

152cm x 76cm

\$4,100.00



Derrick Butt

Kulyakartu – Seasons

MART23-1107

Acrylic on Linen

152cm x 76cm

\$4,100.00



Wilson Mandijalu

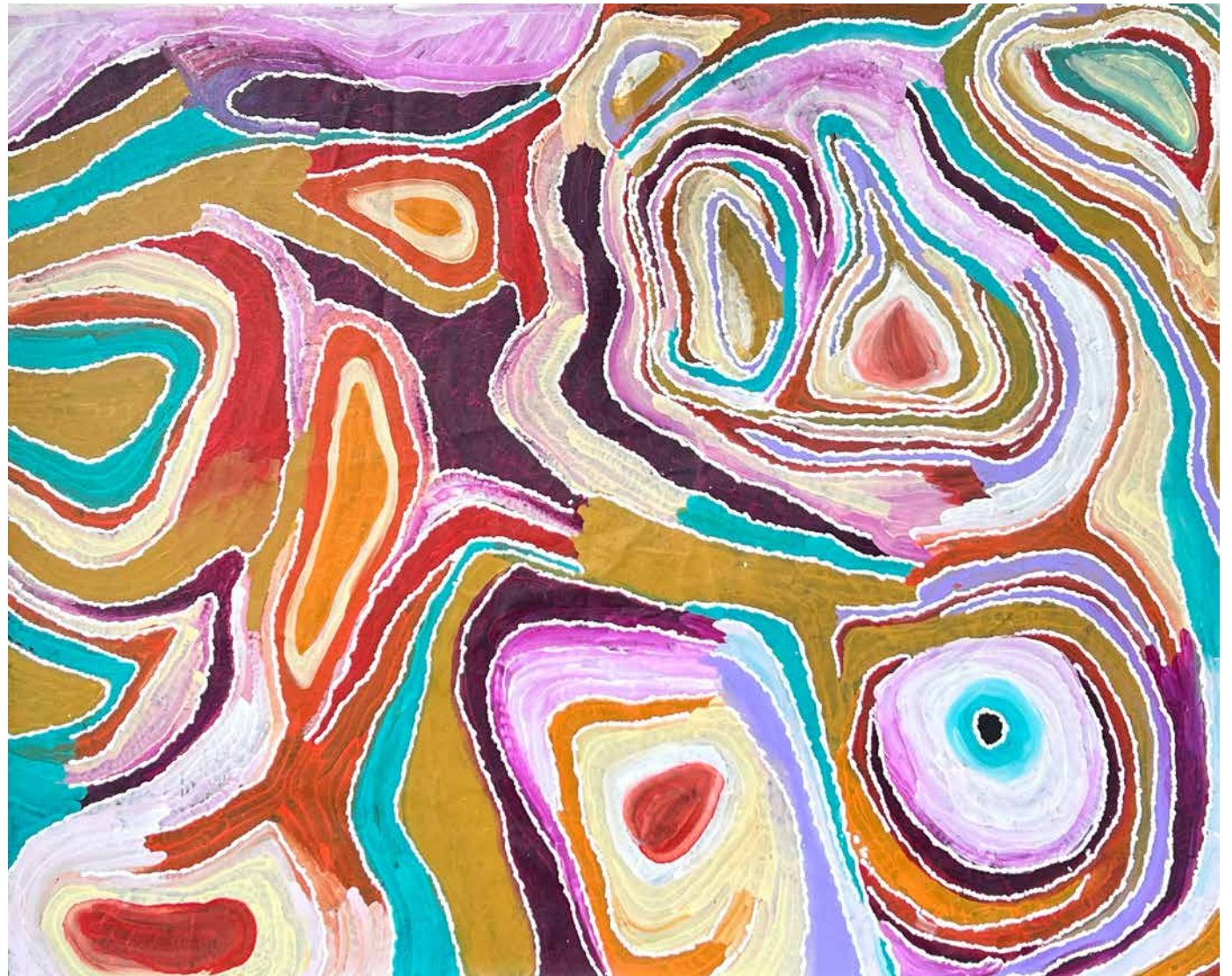
Kirrwirri

MART23-1070

Acrylic on Linen

122cm x 152cm

\$4,500.00



Wilson Mandijalu

Kirrwirri

MART23-460

Acrylic on Canvas

122cm x 76cm

\$2,300.00



Wilson Mandijalu

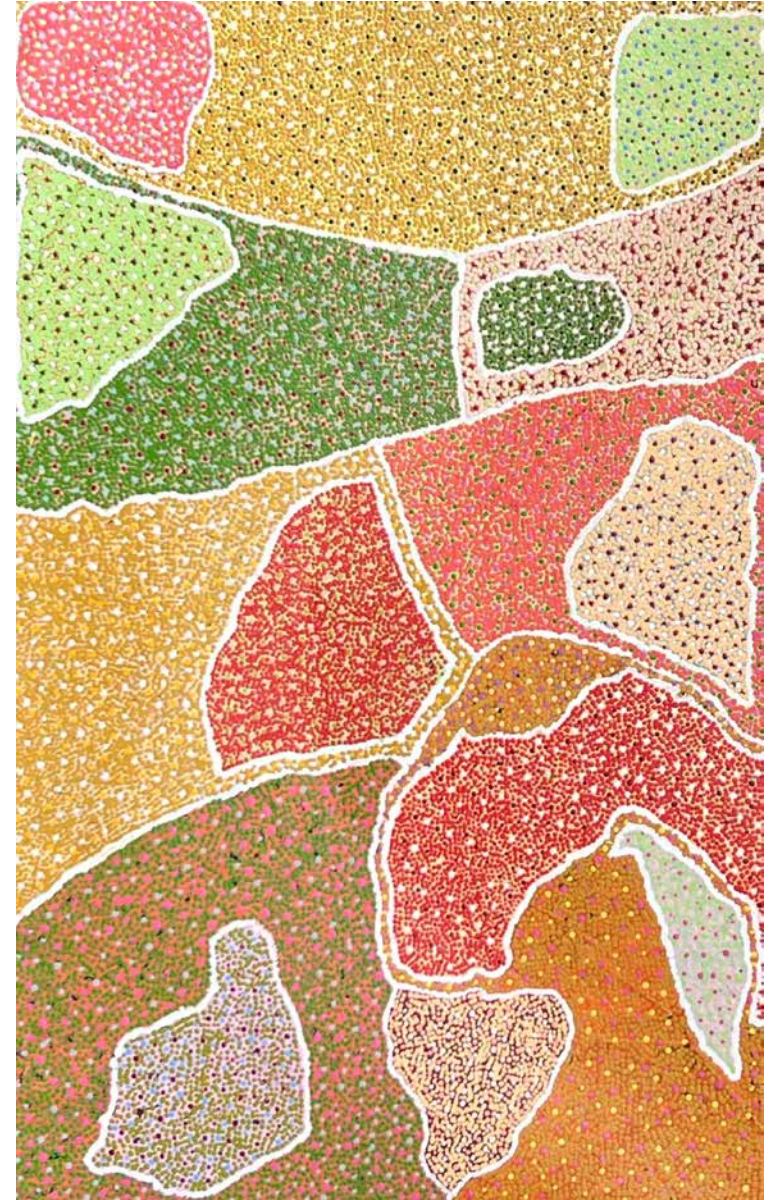
Untitled

MART23-464

Acrylic on Canvas

122cm x 76cm

\$2,300.00



Derrick Butt

Kulyakartu

MART23-1365

Acrylic on Linen

122cm x 76cm

\$3,300.00



Derrick Butt

Kulyakartu

MART23-533

Acrylic on Linen

91cm x 91cm

\$3,900.00



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