

## TASTING NOTES

# 2021 Singlefile Single Vineyard Frankland River Cabernet Sauvignon Riversdale Vineyard Frankland River, Great Southern

#### VINEYARD & WINEMAKING

The continental cool climate sub-region of Frankland River sits within the north west corner of the Great Southern wine region (its latitude 34°39'S). The Riversdale vineyard, planted in 1997 on deep gravel over clay soils, on a north-south orientation, is located 7kms north west of the Frankland River township.

The 2021 winter saw above average amounts of rainfall. Summer was dry and mild with even temperatures throughout February, March, April. These provided perfect conditions to achieve optimal ripeness and tannin profile in cabernet sauvignon.

The fruit was picked and sorted in mid-April 2021. It was cold soaked in a small fermenter for three days before undergoing an extended and gentle maceration. Post-fermentation, the wine was left on skins for fourteen days. Thirty percent of the wine was matured in new Bordeaux oak barriques. The balance went to one-year old (30%) and two-year old (40%) Bordeaux barriques for fourteen months.

#### THE WINE

This wine displays complex aromas of black currant, plum and cassis, with savoury earthiness and gentle oak support. The wine is effortlessly mouth filling with juicy dark fruit flavours balanced with acidity and gentle fine-grained tannins which lead to a long finish. It is well suited to red meat dishes such as a roast leg of lamb with garlic and herbs.

95 points, Runner-up Best Wine, Ray Jordan's Top 100 Reds of 2023, July 2023

### TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Alc: 14.2% pH: 3.48 TA: 6.0 g/L Cellaring: Up to 30 years

