

# TASTING NOTES

# 2016 Singlefile Single Vineyard Frankland River Shiraz

Riversdale Vineyard Frankland River, Great Southern



#### VINEYARD & WINEMAKING

Frankland River is arguably the premier shiraz growing sub-region of Western Australia and is recognised for its distinctive black fruit and black pepper characters. Shiraz from the Riversdale vineyard, planted in 1997, delivers some of the best Frankland River shiraz with characteristics expected of fine Frankland River fruit.

Early 2016 saw a dry and warm summer with some big rains in late January 2017. These provided plenty of water for the vines, providing excellent growing conditions which resulted in high quality juicy, fresh and vibrant shiraz. Ripeness was achieved at relatively low sugar levels. After picking and sorting fermentation took place in open fermenters and maceration was gentle and lasted for 40 days with minimum pump-overs. The wine was then aged in low toast French oak barriques for ten months and will be aged in bottle for a minimum of seven months prior to release.

## THE WINE

This wine displays vibrant violet and dark fruit and subtle spice aromas. The medium bodied palate displays flavours of blackberry, pepper, spice and tobacco with hints of cocoa which persist through to a dry finish. It is a medium bodied style shiraz of power and complexity but with silky tannins and a refined delicacy.

### TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Alc: 14.5%

pH: 3.79

TA: 5 g/L

rs: 0 g/L