

2023 Singlefile Single Vineyard Frankland River Cabernet Sauvignon

RIVERSDALE VINEYARD FRANKLAND RIVER, GREAT SOUTHERN

Vineyard & Winemaking

The continental cool climate subregion of Frankland River sits within the northwest 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 northwest of the Frankland River township.

The winter saw average rainfall that continued into early spring. Summer was dry and mild with even temperatures throughout February, March and April. This provided perfect conditions to achieve optimal ripeness, and the desired tannin profile for premium cabernet sauvignon.

The fruit was picked and sorted in late-April 2023. It was cold soaked in a small fermenter for two days before undergoing a gentle and extended maceration. After the fermentation, the wine was left on skins for 21 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 before the wine was then prepared for bottling.

The Wine

This wine displays complex aromas of blueberry, mulberry and cassis, with gentle oak support. The wine is effortlessly mouth filling with plush dark fruit flavours balanced with 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.

96 points, Ray Jordan's Top 100 Reds of 2025, August 2025

Technical Specifications

Alc: 14.2% pH: 3.54 TA: 5.6 g/L Cellaring: Up to 30 years

