



2011 SHIRAZ
RIVERSDALE VINEYARD
FRANKLAND RIVER, GREAT SOUTHERN



THE VINTAGE & 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 fruit with characteristics expected of fine Frankland River fruit.

The fruit for this wine was picked on 16th April 2011. Fermentation took place in open fermenters and maceration was gentle and lasted for 22 days. The wine was then aged in low toast French oak barriques for ten months and aged in bottle for a further fifteen months prior to release.

THE WINE

This wine displays dark fruit aromas with spice and earthiness. The full bodied savoury palate of pepper, spice and tobacco is complemented by blackberries and hints of cocoa which persist through to the finish. It is a full bodied style shiraz of power and complexity but with silky tannins and a refined delicacy.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Picking date: 16th April 2011 Alc: 14.5% pH: 3.65 TA: 5.19g/L rs: 0g/L

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