2014 Blackbutt

The Alkoomi vineyards and winery are located in the Frankland River district of Western Australia's Great Southern wine region. The name is taken from local aboriginal dialect and means 'a place we chose' and the logo represents the unique and distinctively Australian Grasstree, *Xanthorrhoea preissii*. The first plantings were in 1971 and the region's long, cool ripening conditions are perfect for growing fruit of intense varietal character.



Winemaking

The Blackbutt is a fine tuned blend of Cabernet Sauvignon (67%), Malbec (17%) and Cabernet Franc (16%) from the oldest blocks of estate grown fruit. The parcels are fermented separately in small open fermenters and hand plunged 3 times a day before pressing and maturation in French oak for 20 months.

Vintage

A mild, dry winter and a spring with ample rain, was followed by a warm, even summer, interspersed with timely rainfall events. This presented us with early flavour development, providing an intense varietal profile whilst retaining the freshness of the natural acidity.

Colour

Deep crimson with ruby hues.

Nose

Aromas of cassis and lifted florals with layers of savoury dried herbs.

Palate

Rich red fruit flavours with dark chocolate notes and a fleshy mid palate sweetness is supported by fine grained tannins.

Cellaring

Ready to enjoy now but will gain complexity over the next eight to ten years with careful cellaring.

Alcohol 14.5%

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