



FRANKLAND
ESTATE

2018 ISOLATION RIDGE VINEYARD SYRAH



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Fruit for this wine was sourced from three different locations in the Isolation Ridge vineyard at Frankland Estate. The vineyard is planted on undulating northern and eastern facing slopes and has duplex soils of ironstone gravel and loam over a clay sub soil. The Isolation Ridge Vineyard is managed under organic certification (ACO certified organic since 2009), a sustainable practice that maximises the unique characteristics of the Isolation Ridge Vineyard to be expressed in this wine.

ASSESSMENT

Perfumed with hints of spice and white pepper, a complex nose reflecting depth and authenticity. An elegant medium bodied wine with a sweet core of fruit combined with subtle savoury complexity of spice and herb that integrate into the subtle French oak which sits comfortably with the savoury notes and fine-grained tannins. Length and depth of fruit profile in the wine will ensure very good aging.

2018 VINTAGE

Widely regarded as perhaps one of the best vintages in the region for over a decade or more. A wet winter and spring ensured good healthy yields balanced by good canopy, the mild to warm summer remained dry right through to the completion of harvest in late April.

VINIFICATION

This wine was fermented in shallow open pot fermenters. Fermentation is initiated straight away, hand plunging is conducted to keep the ferment even and as gentle as possible, minimising extraction. A small parcel is fermented as 100% whole bunch and blended back to the wine post barrel maturation (7%). Temperatures typically do not exceed 26C through the 10 – 15 day ferment. Some additional maturation on skins occurs until tannin integration and balance is seen. This wine was aged for 15 months in 3,500 litre French oak foudre. The small addition of viognier along with the use of 2 clones of shiraz add to the wine's complexity.

A fine example of an outstanding vintage in Frankland River, Approachable now the structure and finesse will reward long term cellaring.

Shiraz 96% Viognier 4%

100% Frankland River Region

Drink 2020 – 2035

Certified Organic, Vegan Friendly,

14.5% Alc

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