

2011 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 (73%), Malbec (22%) and Cabernet Franc (5%) 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

An extremely dry winter was followed by a warm growing season with intermittent and timely rainfall resulting in vines producing low yields of intensely flavoured fruit.

Colour

Bright crimson with a garnet rim.

Nose

Lifted aromas of cassis, cedar and dried herbs.

Palate

Complex flavours of wild strawberries layered with earthy forest floor notes with a vibrant line of acidity that carries the chewy, burnt caramel tannin structure to an even, balanced finish.

Cellaring

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

Alcohol 13.5%

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