

## *2016 Black Label Malbec*

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 Grass tree, *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***

Sourced from two blocks of Malbec, one planted in 1989 the other in 1971, fermented in small open vats and hand plunged before pressing and maturation in French oak hogsheads for 15 months.

### ***Vintage***

A dry Winter and fleeting Spring was followed by a warm growing season with welcome rainfall in December and January leading to full, healthy canopies enabling excellent yields and great flavour development.

### ***Colour***

Vibrant deep ruby with purple hues.

### ***Nose***

A fragrant lift of wild thyme and blueberry along with brooding dark chocolate notes.

### ***Palate***

Blueberry flavours continue on the juicy, medium to full bodied palate with a bright acidity that carries the savoury, chewy tannins to a complex finish.

### ***Cellaring***

Ready to enjoy now, although will gain complexity over the next five to eight years with careful cellaring.

***Alcohol 14.5%***

