

2014 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 16 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

Vibrant deep ruby with purple hues.

Nose

Fragrant violets and blueberry notes with cedary oak notes.

Palate

Blueberry flavours continue on the juicy, medium 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%

