

## 2014 White Label Cabernet Merlot

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**

This wine was made with Frankland River fruit from several blocks, picked at optimal ripeness to give depth of flavour. Harvested in the early hours of the morning, the fruit was cold soaked prior to fermentation and then matured for 12 months with French oak to build complexity.

### **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 flecks.

### **Nose**

Lifted aromas of cassis and dusty savoury notes.

### **Palate**

Rich flavours of cassis and chocolate lead to a medium body with earthy, fine grained tannins on the finish.

### **Cellaring**

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

### **Alcohol**

14.5%

