



Riversdale

'Riversdale' is the name of the original homestead on our Frankland River vineyard. It was built in 1932 by Fred Hadley, a military surgeon settling here after an eventful life that took him from England to Africa and Australia.

The front label illustration was painted by him in 1937, from a vantage point on the farm across the river owned by my wife Edwina Egerton-Warburton's family.

We feel very fortunate to call Riversdale our home today.

2021 Cabernet Blend

THE VINTAGE:

An exceptional vintage with rainfall falling at just the right times, Rieslings are some of the best in recent memory with expression of floral aromas and balanced acidities. Cabernet and Shiraz from Frankland are exceptional with tannin and colour. Chardonnay and Pinot from the sub-region of Porongurup are exceptional examples.

THE WINEMAKING:

This blend is composed of 58% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Malbec, 14% Petit Verdot & 14% Cabernet Franc. Hand-picked and meticulously sorted, the grapes were held on skins for 6 weeks to complete malolactic fermentation. Following malolactic fermentation, the wines were matured in 1 and 2 year old French oak barrels for 10 months before bottling. Minimal sulphites and additives were used during winemaking.

THE WINE:

This wine is inky with a purple hue with a vibrant garnet edge. Bold notes of ripe blackcurrant and blackberry, courtesy of the Cabernet clones. This is beautifully intertwined with hints of violet and plum, a nod to the Merlot 181 and Malbec. Underlying notes of dried herbs and a subtle spiciness emerge, likely influenced by the Cabernet Franc 332. The Petit Verdot CH 8 adds a gentle waft of pencil shavings and crushed gravel. The entry is robust, reflecting the wine's youth. The forward dark fruit flavours from the Cabernets meld harmoniously with juicy plum from the Merlot and the spicy kick of the Malbec. Mid-palate, one discerns the velvety tannins and an undercurrent of mineral richness, which might be attributed to the Riversdale terroir. Petit Verdot offers a structural backbone, enhancing the wine's complexity with hints of dark chocolate and a whisper of fresh tobacco.

Vineyard	Riversdale
Year Planted	1997
Location	Frankland River
Vines per Hectare	1650
Irrigation	Yes
Clone/s	Roche, 191, 337
Rootstock	Own
Aspect	Northern facing
Soils	Deep gravels over clay

Origin	Riversdale	Vegan	N/A
Variety	Cabernet Sauvignon 58%, Malbec 14%, Petit Verdot 14%, Cabernet Franc 14%	Vegetarian	N/A
Picking date	April 2021	Organic	N/A
Sugar at picking	14.0 °Baume	Biodynamic	N/A
Alcohol	14.5%	Allergens	Low Sulphites
pH	3.30		
Total acidity	6.95 g/L		
Residual sugar	2 g/L		
Bottled	April 2023		