



Uovo

The first person to come up with the idea of making a concrete tank into the shape of an egg was the celebrated Rhone winemaker, Michel Chapoutier. The idea of the shape was derived from the old Roman amphorae.

These are exactly the types of fermenters and vats we use to make and mature the Oovo wines in. The effect of circulation inside the egg adds depth, volume and texture to the wine.

We decided to start using these to ferment and mature wines as an alternative to wood and stainless steel.

The wines are vibrant, textured and are true to place which can be a hard combination to achieve.

2022 Cabernet Touriga

THE VINTAGE:

A succession of very good seasons for Frankland River; 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and now 2022. Riesling, Shiraz and Cabernet begin the easier varieties, all performed exceptionally with very good flavour, acidity and freshness, however there are not many varieties that did not perform at their peak this harvest. A mild wet winter followed by dry and warm conditions leading up to harvest resulted with a season which had a long but gentle finish. Fruit harvested was in near perfect condition and will result in some very long lived wines.

THE WINEMAKING:

Made in a clay cement ovoid tank - a giant "egg" - the lees are continuously forced upward by an internal current resembling a vortex. This gives the wine voluptuousness, purity and texture. There's no added tannin, acid, or animal fining products. There is zero sulphur used throughout the winemaking, and only a minimal amount at bottling.

THE WINE:

Cabernet Touriga blends typically combine Cabernet Sauvignon, a well-known varietal with Touriga Nacional, a Portuguese grape that is known for its intense colour and flavours. The resulting wine is full-bodied with high tannins and acidity, making it ideal for ageing.

Rich and full-bodied with firm tannins and good acidity. The nose has notes of dark fruit, blackberry and black cherry, along with hints of spice and tobacco. On the palate, flavours of ripe fruit, chocolate and coffee may be present. The finish should be long and satisfying, with a good balance of tannins and acidity.

Vineyard	Riversdale
Year Planted	2012
Location	Frankland River, WA
Vines per Hectare	1300
Irrigation	Yes
Clone/s	N/A
Rootstock	N/A
Aspect	Northern
Soils	Loam/Lacertite

Origin	Frankland River, WA	Vegan	Yes
Variety	Cabernet Sauvignon 8%, Touriga 12%	Vegetarian	Yes
Picking date	May 2022	Organic	N/A
Sugar at picking	14.5° Baume	Biodynamic	N/A
Alcohol	15.0%	Allergens	Low Sulphites
pH	3.40		
Total acidity	6.00 g/L		
Residual sugar	0.5 g/L		
Bottled	May 2023		