

2009 FRANKLAND RIVER SHIRAZ

The Vintage: A cooler start to the 2009 season followed by dry conditions at harvest resulted in low yield with small berries and bunches.

The Winemaking: Fruit was hand harvested and then gently de-stemmed and crushed and berry sorted. Maceration was gentle and lasted for about three weeks. The wine was aged in new and one year old oak for eight months.

The Wine: On the nose, intense blueberry, white pepper and spice. The palate sits well and truly in the savoury spectrum with smokey spice, tobacco and earthiness complementing the deep dark fruit profile. Extremely complex with cinnamon, star anise and white pepper notes. The wine is dense, intense and powerful, yet the palate retains a silky elegance. The tannins are fine and the wine can be cellared with confidence.

Drink With: Slow Roasted lamb Shoulder.

Winemaker:	Larry Cherubino	Technical Data:	
Vineyard:		Geographical Indication	Frankland River
Year Planted	1988	Variety	Shiraz 100%
Location	Various	Picking Date	March 5th, 2009
Vines per Hectare	1600 - 2000	Sugar at Picking	14.20 Be
Irrigation	Yes	Alcohol	14.9%
Clone/s	Various	pН	3.9
Rootstock	Own	Total Acidity	5.45g/l
Aspect	Northern	Residual Sugar	0g/L
Soils	Various	Bottled	February 2010
		Cellaring Potential	10 years