



## 2013 Riversdale Vineyard Shiraz

Frankland River, Western Australia

The vintage: The 2013 warm summer cooled off in April, allowing fruit to ripen at a leisurely pace. Frankland River had an above average rainfall through the Winter and Spring months. Spring's exceptional conditions allowed the gentle warming and for fruit set. Frankland experienced dry and warm days through April, providing excellent quality with incredibly juicy, fresh and vibrant wine.

**The winemaking:** Fruit was hand-picked and sorted. Fermentation was carried out in small lot fermenters. Moderate extraction was aimed for, thus ensuring vineyard characters were fully expressed. The wine was then aged in new and one year old oak for 6-8 months.

The wine: A medium purple-crimson wine, perfumed bouquet of violet and rose. The palate excites with mocha, cooking spice, dark fruits and mineral undertones. Dark, brambly black fruits with fig and black cherry. The tannins are soft, firm and sweet with a rounded, balanced acidity.

Drink with: Spiced beef cassoulet.

Vineyard: Riversdale Technical Data

Year Planted: 1997 Geographical Indication: Frankland River, WA

Location: Frankland River, WA Variety: Shiraz

Vines per Hectare:1600Picking Date:April 2013Irrigation:YesAlcohol:14.0 %

Clone/s: Unknown pH: 3.85

Rootstock: Own Total Acidity: 4.75 g/L

Aspect: Northern facing Residual Sugar: 0.0 g/L

Soils: Deep gravels over clay Bottling Date: February 2014

Cellaring Potential: 15 years