



FRANKLAND  
ESTATE

2012

## ISOLATION RIDGE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

### ASSESSMENT

Cabernet Sauvignon (100%) from Frankland River, Western Australia

Brooding red plum with only a hint of expressing its true age due to the wine's fine elegant framework. It's a tightly knit wine that unfolds to reveal opulent fruit flavours of red currants, blueberry, chocolate and savoury undertones and a touch of pencil shaving underlined by the dusty, earthy character that distinguishes Frankland Estate Cabernet. A complex and alluring wine that will age for some years to come.

### VINEYARD

Fruit for this wine was sourced from mature certified organic vines in the Isolation Ridge vineyard at Frankland Estate. The vineyard sits on an undulating northern and eastern facing slope on ancient duplex soils of gravel and loam over a clay sub-soil. It is farmed using organic viticultural practices and this is reflected in the depth and concentration of fruit flavours.

### 2012 VINTAGE

This Cabernet Sauvignon reflects both the outstanding vintage conditions in 2012 and the meticulous care taken in both vineyard and winery.

An outstanding vintage in the Frankland River region with dry, mild conditions throughout the growing season. These conditions provided a complex, elegant and well-structured wine.

### VINIFICATION

This wine was fermented as long and slowly as possible, at temperatures not exceeding 25°C in open pot fermentation tanks that allowed the cap to be worked by plunging and gently pumping over. An extended maceration period allowed optimal colour, flavour and tannin extraction. It was aged in 500 litre French oak puncheons, this contributing textural complexity without compromising the opulent natural fruit flavours of the wine.

Certified Organic, Vegan Friendly

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