

Battles

2021 FRANKLAND RIVER SHIRAZ



Winemaker: Lance Parkin
Sub region: Frankland River

Geographical Indicator: Great Southern
Varietal Breakdown: Shiraz (100%)

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Production: 75 Cases
Alcohol: 14.2% pH/TA: 3.65/6.30

VINEYARD

The Swinney vineyard is one of the great vineyards of the Frankland region and is meticulously maintained by its dedicated viticultural team. The vineyard is composted undervine and yields are controlled to ensure vine balance and maximise grape flavour and health. Soils are a gravelly loam with ironstone veins.

VINTAGE

2021 was a cooler than average season in Western Australia. The summer was mild with temperatures rarely exceeding the mid 30's. In combination with the cooler nights, it provided excellent flavour development which is reflected in the final wines.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was destemmed and crushed with a high proportion of whole berries. A wild fermentation proceeded with around 10 days on skins before basket pressing to a combination of 1 year old puncheon and older hogsheads. The wine spent 10 months in oak prior to bottling.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Appearance: Vibrant crimson with purple rim.

Nose: Perfume and spice are apparent with Szechuan pepper, clove and anise. Dark cherry and blackberry fruit characters with hints of toast are also abundant.

Palate: The 2021 Battles Frankland River Shiraz shows elegance yet builds through the palate with great density and power. Intense fruit characters of black cherry & blueberry mix with savoury notes of spice, licorice, and black olive. The weighted fruit and resolved tannin give length and balance. Drinking well now the wine will gain further complexity for over 10 years.