

2013 Black Label Shiraz Viognier

The Alkoomi vineyards and winery are located in the Frankland River district of Western Australia's Great Southern wine region. The name is taken from local aboriginal dialect and means 'a place we chose' and the logo represents the unique and distinctively Australian Grass tree, *Xanthorrhoea preissii*. The first plantings were in 1971 and the region's long, cool ripening conditions are perfect for growing fruit of intense varietal character.



Winemaking

There are 4 parcels of Shiraz, one of which is co-fermented with Viognier, which are used for the 2013 Shiraz Viognier. The batches are cold soaked, fermented to dryness and undergo malolactic fermentation in tank. The final wine, which is 5% Viognier, undergoes 18 months of maturation in French oak, one third of which is new, before bottling.

Vintage

2013 saw the earliest start on record due to a dry spell from November through to February. Fortunately, we had vibrant, healthy canopies to protect the fruit in the summer heat, resulting in the fruit being of the highest quality.

Colour

Deep ruby with magenta hues.

Nose

Lifted aromas of violets, black cherries and underlying dried herbs combine with cedary oak.

Palate

Intense flavours of fresh cherries are interwoven with dark chocolate and savoury spices. The long and even palate is supported with chewy tannins and culminates in a soft juicy finish.

Cellaring

Ready to drink now, this wine will develop further with five to eight years of cellaring.

Alcohol 14.4%

