

2009 Blackbutt

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 Grasstree, *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

The 2009 Blackbutt is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon (63%), Malbec (20%), Merlot (10%), Petit Verdot (3.5%) and Cabernet Franc (3.5%). The different parcels of fruit from some of Alkoomi's oldest vines, were fermented separately in small open fermenters. After maturation for 22 months in French Oak, we blended them to create the most complete wine, which is a reflection of both the vineyard and the vintage.

Vintage

A cool but sunny start to the growing season promoted excellent vine growth and good fruit set. This was followed by a ripening season with bright sunny days and cool nights allowing for exceptional flavour development.

Colour

Brilliant deep crimson with garnet hues.

Nose

Intense aromas of cassis, blackberry and spice with underlying nuances of dried herbs and cedar.

Palate

Flavours of cassis and red currant are melded with hints of black olive, savoury spice and dried herb. The palate is interwoven with cedary oak and supple fine grained tannins leading to a long mouthwatering finish.

Cellaring

Will gain in complexity with careful cellaring for at least 10 years.

Alcohol 13.9%

