

2017 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 6 small parcels of Shiraz of estate grown fruit which ripen at different times due to their varied location. As Viognier is a late ripening white variety we are able to harvest the Viognier on the same day as a parcel of Shiraz. We pressed off the free run Viognier juice and then returned the skins to co-ferment with the Shiraz. The final wine, which is 2.5% Viognier, undergoes 12 months of maturation in French oak before bottling.

Vintage

A classic cool climate growing season with ample rainfall and cold temperatures was followed by a dry and sunny Autumn. The result being a slow, even ripening with tremendous flavour development at low sugar levels.

Colour

Vibrant deep crimson with magenta hues.

Nose

Lifted aromas of white pepper and blue fruits with notes of violets.

Palate

Juicy black cherry fruit flavours on the medium bodied palate with spicy white pepper carrying through the layers of fine grained silky tannins.

Cellaring

Ready to enjoy now, although will gain complexity over the next five to eight years with careful cellaring.

Alcohol

14.5%

