



FRANKLAND  
ESTATE

## 2019 SMITHCULLAM SYRAH



### ISOLATION RIDGE VINEYARD

Fruit for this wine was sourced from the original east west facing “Winery Block” planted on Isolation Ridge in 1988. The vineyard is planted on undulating northern and eastern facing slopes and has duplex soils of ironstone gravel and loam over a clay sub soil. The Isolation Ridge Vineyard is managed under organic certification (ACO certified organic since 2009), a sustainable practice that maximises the unique characteristics of the Isolation Ridge Vineyard to be expressed in this wine.

### ASSESSMENT

Bright plum purple colour, lifted florals and spice, cacao, chacuterie, dried herbs and ash.

Sumptuous, dense and brooding with beautifully integrated tanning, earthy, anise, spice, with hints of poached quince and plum. The core of plush fruit intermingles with the fine tannin giving a wine of elegance and complexity that will reward you further with time in the glass.

### 2019 VINTAGE

Some good winter rains and an even and consistent budburst provided an ideal start to the season, however wet conditions over flowering impacted yields somewhat resulting in a modest crop from the 2019 vintage. Dry and mild conditions typified the growing season and harvest of the fruit in pristine conditions. Whilst yields were low the quality from 2019 was exceptional and has resulted in fine high-quality fruit.

### VINIFICATION

This wine was fermented in small shallow open pot fermenters. Whole berries are used, and fermentation is initiated straight away, hand plunging is conducted to keep the ferment even and as gentle as possible, minimising extraction. Temperatures typically do not exceed 27C through the 10–15-day ferment. Some additional maturation on skins occurs until tannin integration and balance is seen. This wine was aged for 15 months in 3,500 litre French oak foudre. The small addition of Viognier (5%) and Mourvèdre (3%) add to the wine’s complexity.

Syrah 92%, Viognier 5%, Mourvèdre 3%

100% Frankland River Region

Drink 2020 – 2035

Certified Organic, Vegan Friendly,

14.5% Alc

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