

# TASTING NOTES

## 2024 Singlefile Great Southern Malbec

Great Southern, Western Australia

#### VINEYARD & WINEMAKING

The malbec grape originates from France, the majority found in the Cahors region, a small town in the south-west. Because of the grapes' thin skin, it is susceptible to poor weather and the pests of the region, and hasn't surfaced as a top French variety. However, it is a common blending grape used in many of the great wines of Bordeaux. It has also found a home in Mendoza, Argentina where a French botanist planted it by order of the mayor in 1868. It is increasingly being celebrated as an Argentine varietal.

There are only very small plantings of malbec in the Great Southern, and it has proven well suited to the climate and soils of the Frankland River subregion. This 2024 vintage fruit was picked and sorted on 6 March. It was cold soaked in small fermenters for two days before undergoing an extended and gentle maceration allowing for the softening of the tannins with the goal of creating a wine with structure and texture, along with the natural juicy flavour profile of malbec. Twenty five percent of the wine was matured in new Bordeaux oak barriques. The balance went to two- and three-year old Bordeaux barriques for nine months maturation before final preparation for bottling in December 2024.

### THE WINE

This wine displays bright and lifted perfumed aromas of dark fruits including plums and blackberries as well as subtle hints of chocolate and spicy oak. The wine is effortlessly mouth filling with a lovely soft and juicy red fruit flavour profile balanced with natural acidity and gentle fine-grained tannins which provide structure to a long finish.

New Release

#### TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Alc: 14.7% pH: 3.55 TA: 5.2 g/L Cellaring: Up to 12 years

