



## FRANKLAND ESTATE



### 2024 FRANKLAND ESTATE SMALL BATCH TOURIGA NACIONAL

#### TASTING NOTE

Organically grown and made, 100% Touriga Nacional

Touriga plays well with others and is a cracking variety for blending.

Vibrant cherry red in colour. Fresh lifted raspberry and floral notes, early season plums, dried herbs give a wine of amazing perfume.

It's bold and lush on the palate. Lovely cherry and chocolate characters interact with fine gravelly tannins, salty liquorice flavours and a sweet core of fruit. This leads to a wine of balance with a bright crisp finish.

Touriga Nacional as a variety offers good cellaring potential, will be good to see where this goes in a few years.

#### 2024 VINTAGE

Good rainfall through winter quickly gave way to a drier spring and summer. Fruit set was good and cropping levels were promising. The persistent dry conditions resulted in some smaller bunches and crops than average with greater intensity of fruit and slightly riper flavour profiles.

#### VINEYARD

Fruit for this wine was sourced from grafted vines in the Isolation Ridge vineyard at Frankland Estate. The vineyard sits on an undulating northern and eastern facing slope on ancient duplex soils of gravel and loam over a clay sub-soil. It is farmed using organic viticultural practices and this is reflected in the depth and concentration of fruit flavours. The vines are trained on a Vertical Shoot Position (VSP) trellis system to enhance sunlight penetration of the canopy and optimize ripening conditions. Touriga Nacional was grafted into the vineyard in 2017 to blend with our Shiraz but looks fantastic as a stand-alone wine.

#### VINIFICATION

Fruit was harvested in ideal conditions and fermented in shallow stainless steel open fermenters. The fruit is hand plunged to gently extract the tannin, keep the ferment as even as possible and maintain fruit purity. The wine is pressed off and aged on lees in older 500L French oak puncheons for 10 months. Unfiltered and unfined it goes straight to bottle.

Only 80 dz produced.

