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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

WINE NAME **King Malbec**

RANGE **Orchid**

VINTAGE **2020**

GRAPE VARIETY **Malbec**

GROWING REGION **Frankland River, Western Australia.**

TECHNICAL DETAILS **Alc 13.5% pH 3.44 TA 6.1g/L RS 1.3g/L**

VINTAGE Vintage 2020 will be remembered as the earliest harvest on record with great fruit quality. The growing season started warm and very dry. Spring rainfall was also below average and our soils were dry as the vines came out of dormancy so watering commenced earlier than normal. The favourable weather for the remainder of the ripening period meant we had an “early” vintage, producing reds of amazing colour and intensity.

APPEARANCE **Intense crimson red with a hint of violet.**

NOSE **Black plum and mulberry with hints of vanilla.**

PALATE **A rich and intense Malbec with generous blackberry mid-palate and hints of violet. Silky tannins and French oak nuances convey a delicious cigar box and toasty cedar finish.**

VINIFICATION **This exceptional parcel of fruit was handpicked from one of the oldest blocks of Malbec in the region. Our winemakers continuously assess the vines to ensure the fruit was harvested at peak flavour and colour. The fruit was destemmed in the winery, the must then transferred into our open fermenters and fermented on skins for 3 weeks. The ferment was regularly pumped over to ensure an even temperature and increase in colour and tannin extraction. The wine was gently pressed and completed malolactic fermentation in tank before being filled into a mix of new and 1 year old French oak barrels. Maturation in oak was for 14 months.**

CELLARING **Will benefit from careful cellaring for up to 10 years.**

SERVE **At room temperature 18C.**

