

FERNGROVE

GREAT SOUTHERN
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

WINE NAME **Ferngrove Black Label Malbec**

VINTAGE **2021**

WINE STYLE Full-bodied

GRAPE VARIETY Malbec

GROWING REGION Frankland River, Western Australia.

TECHNICAL DETAILS Alc 13.9% pH 3.68 TA 6.2g/L

VINTAGE Ferngrove had a great start to the growing season with a full soil moisture profile at the end of September, resulting in good canopy growth. This set the tone for the rest of the vintage. Significant rainfall in the second week of November was good for the vines and delayed irrigation. Ripening was significantly slower this year, which saw harvest begin 4 weeks later compared to 2020 vintage, more indicative of cool climate viticulture. January was warm and dry, and a short burst of rain (approx. 60mm) in February graced Ferngrove with almost perfect conditions. Harvest began on the 19th of February. Overall, the Great Southern experienced exceptional vintage conditions during 2021 harvest.

APPEARANCE Dark and inky red with a youthful violet hue.

NOSE Seductive aromas of blackberry, dark plums, spice and fennel.

PALATE This wine has all the characteristics of Malbec. The palate is deep and alluring with mulberry, dark plums with a hint of mocha oak spice and fennel. The wine is complemented by a long and fine tannin finish.

VINIFICATION Harvested in the cool early morning and gently destemmed in the winery. The must is then transferred into static fermenters and receives regular pump overs to ensure even temperature throughout the ferment and increased colour and tannin extraction. Once fermentation is complete, the wine is gently pressed off skins and matured with French oak of medium toast to promote cedary and dark chocolate character for a period 10 months.

CELLARING Will benefit from careful cellaring for up to 5 years.

SERVE At room temperature 18C.

FOOD Enjoy with duck or beef.

