



FERN GROVE

FRANKLAND RIVER

WINE NAME **Diamond Chardonnay**

RANGE **Orchid**

VINTAGE **2014**

WINE STYLE Medium-bodied white wine.

GRAPE VARIETY Chardonnay

GROWING REGION Frankland River, Western Australia.

TECHNICAL DETAILS Alc 13.5% pH 3.24 TA 6.6g/L RS 0.30g/L

APPEARANCE Light straw with a green tinge.

NOSE Aromatic and complex lemon zest, pear skin and pink grapefruit in harmony with complex toasty French oak and toasted nuts.

PALATE Piercing grapefruit, lime and pear with a creamy texture and vanilla French oak with lingering mineral acidity.

VINIFICATION The early season growing conditions were indicative of a long, dry and warm Indian summer. The onset of vintage on the 18th of February in Frankland River, was exactly the same start day as 2013 and almost on a par to the warm 2007 vintage. Fortunately in Frankland River, the cooling influence of southerly breezes allows for quick cooling of the soils and the vines by mid-evening. The grapes were harvested in the early morning, and crushed ever so gently to the press. Free run juice was drained and settled overnight before fermentation in a range of new and one year old French oak. Partial wild fermentation and lees stirring following fermentation assisted with texture and mouthfeel. The wine is then bottled after 9 months maturation in oak.

CELLARING Will benefit from careful cellaring for up to 8 years.

WINEMAKERS COMMENTS This wine is a medley of tangy lime and pear intertwined over a core of citrus and vanilla French oak with lingering mineral acidity.

SERVE Serve slightly chilled at 10-16C.

FOOD Enjoy with prosciutto-wrapped Figs.

