



FERNGROVE

FRANKLAND RIVER

WINE NAME **Dragon Syrah**

RANGE **Orchid**

VINTAGE **2020**

WINE STYLE Full-bodied red wine.

GRAPE VARIETY Shiraz

GROWING REGION Frankland River, Western Australia.

TECHNICAL DETAILS Alc 13.5% pH 3.48 TA 6.1g/L

APPEARANCE Vibrant ruby with purple rim.

NOSE Classic cool-climate spiciness, violets and hints of leather.

PALATE Fine tannins with juicy, dark fruit core of plums and hints of rhubarb.

VINIFICATION Harvested from Block 11 on the Ferngrove vineyard, this vineyard surrounds the Vineyard Manager's house, so it gets all of the attention it deserves. The Dragon Syrah contains a portion of hand-picked fruit left as whole bunches during ferment that contributes structure and complexity. The other portion of fruit is gently destemmed into our small open fermenters, followed by a period of cold soaking. The must is gently pumped-over to maximise the colour and tannin extraction. Fermentation was carried out on skins for 3 weeks, pressed and completed malolactic fermentation before being transferred into a mix of new and old French oak barrels for sixteen months in our climate-controlled barrel hall. Careful blending by our winemaking team produce varietal wines of intensity with great potential for aging. Bottling was on-site at our vineyard.

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

WINEMAKERS COMMENTS The style of the Dragon Syrah is one of elegance with bright fruit characteristics, destined to blossom further with careful cellaring.

SERVE At room temperature 18C.

FOOD Enjoy with spring lamb roasted and infused with garlic and rosemary.

