



ROBERT OATLEY

The Pennant

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Competitive success is rewarded in a myriad of ways. For wine it may be a gold medal, in sport, a pennant. Both indicate excellence.

Striving for excellence in wine growing strikes a balance between the natural attributes of the land and uncomplicated winemaking.

Sometimes the greatest effort is required to strive for simplicity, with detailed attention in the vineyard, an uncompromising approach to fruit selection, uncomplicated winemaking and naturally, the benefits of a great season.

The greatest prize is when this is reflected in the glass.

Robert Oatley AO BEM (1928-2016)

2016 Frankland River Cabernet Sauvignon

WINEMAKER LARRY CHERUBINO'S NOTES

Grapes from Block 12 of the 50 year old Justin vineyard at Frankland River WA were hand-picked, the berries run down an individual berry sorting table into small vessels to macerate and ferment on skins for 4-6 weeks. 22 months in new and 1 year old tight grained low toast French oak, prior to rigorous barrel selection to complete this final blend. Just 6 barrels produced.

Poised. Classic blackcurrant. Incredibly soft tannins. Tremendous length.

STATISTICS:

Vineyard:	Justin	TA:	5.42
Alc/vol:	14.0%	Cellar:	12 to 15 years
pH:	3.58	Make:	1,776 bottles

MAJOR ACCOLADES:

Vintage 2016: 96pts James Halliday

Vintage 2015: 97pts James Halliday; 93pts James Suckling; 97pts Ray Jordan

Vintage 2014: 97pts James Halliday; GOLD Australian Single Vineyard Wine Show 2018

Vintage 2013: 97pts James Halliday

Vintage 2012: 97pts James Halliday; 95pts Ray Jordan; 92pts Huon Hooke

