



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)

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2017 Frankland River Cabernet Sauvignon

WINEMAKER LARRY CHERUBINO'S NOTES

Grapes from block twelve of the fifty 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. Aged fifteen months in new tight grained low toast French oak, prior to rigorous barrel selection to complete this final blend. Just five barrels produced.

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

STATISTICS:

Vineyard Location: Frankland River WA
Clone: Houghton
Make: 5 Barrels
Bottles: 1404
Alc/vol: 14%
TA: 5.11
pH: 3.7
Cellar: 12 to 15 years

MAJOR ACCOLADES:

Vintage 2017: 97pts Ray Jordan; 94pts Ken Gargett
Vintage 2016: 97pts Ray Jordan; 96pts James Halliday Wine Companion
Vintage 2015: 97pts James Halliday Wine Companion; 93pts James Suckling; 97pts Ray Jordan



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