



ALKOOMI

## PAST VINTAGES

### Blackbutt 2005 (Icon Range Label)

CSPC# 716838

6x750ml

13.7 % Alc./Vol.

<b>Chemical Analysis</b>	Acidity: 6.2 g/l	pH: 3.52	Residual Sugar: g/l
<b>Grape Variety</b>	58% Cabernet Sauvignon, 28% Malbec, 11% Cabernet Franc, 3% Merlot		
<b>Vintage</b>	A cool cloudy spring, followed by a warm, dry summer led to excellent conditions for the ripening of our grapes.		
<b>Vineyards</b>	The cool climate and gravelly soils of the Frankland River region in southern Western Australia are well suited to the production of intense and elegantly structured wines.		
<b>Vinification/ Maturation</b>	The best parcels of Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Cabernet Franc and Merlot were vinified separately, blended together to create a complete and harmonious wine. The wine was then given extended maturation for 2 ½ years in French Oak – 50% new.		
<b>Tasting Notes</b>	Alkoomi Blackbutt takes its name from the majestic and rare Eucalyptus patens tree that once graced the rolling slopes where our vines now thrive. The 2005 vintage produced elegantly structured wines with rich soft fruit flavours. Bright, deep crimson red. Deep dark notes of blackberry, currant and black cherry with hints of spice and dusty fine grained oak. Stylish and harmonious—beautiful fruit, great structure - all placed in perspective by lavish French oak.		
<b>Serve with</b>	Serve with Venison, any richly flavoured meat dish and cheese.		
<b>Cellaring</b>	Still youthful with the potential of many years development - a great wine from a one in ten vintage.		
<b>Scores/Awards</b>	<p><b>95 points</b> - James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion - December 16, 2008</p> <p><b>92 points</b> - Stephen Tanzer, ST's International Wine Cellar - July/Aug2012</p> <p><b>90 points</b> - Jay Miller, Wine Advocate #181 - February 2009</p> <p><b>95 points</b> - Ray Jordan, rayjordanwineandfood.com</p>		
<b>Reviews</b>	<p><i>"Good colour and intensity; a classic Bordeaux style blend of Cabernet Sauvignon/Malbec/Cabernet Franc/Merlot, intense and uncompromising, which will mature over many years, never losing its birthright."</i></p> <p>- JH, Australian Wine Companion</p>		



*"(58% cabernet sauvignon, 28% malbec, 11% cabernet franc and 3% merlot) Youthful purple-ruby. Sexy black and blue fruit aromas are complicated by vanilla and cola qualities. Fleshy cassis and blueberry flavors are framed by gentle tannins, which also add grip. Gains sweetness and depth with air, finishing with a suave note of black raspberry and slow-building tannins. This is surprisingly elegant."*

- ST, International Wine Cellar

*"The purple-colored 2005 Blackbutt is a blend of 59% Cabernet Sauvignon, 28% Malbec, 11% Cabernet Franc, and 2% Merlot and spent 22 months in French oak. It offers up an attractive nose of cedar, spice box, leather, black currant, and blackberry. On the palate, its finesse and subtlety are reminiscent of a quality St.-Julien. Give this lengthy effort several years to blossom and drink it from 2011 to 2020."*

- JM, Wine Advocate

*"A blend of predominantly cabernet with Malbec, Cabernet Franc and Merlot. This follows a very good 2004 but takes it up a notch. Immensely powerful but with great style typical of good years in the Frankland River area. Seductive perfumed notes and a deep multi-layered palate. A beauty."*

- RJ, rayjordanwineandfood.com



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6x750ml

14.0% Alc./Vol.

*Alkoomi Blackbutt takes its name from the majestic and rare Eucalyptus patens tree that once graced the rolling slopes where our vines now thrive.*

**Chemical Analysis**    Acidity: 6.4 g/l                      pH: 3.41                      Residual Sugar:                      g/l

**Grape Variety**                      *Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Malbec & Merlot*

**Vintage**                      Cool summer temperatures and dry conditions led to a very good vintage.

The 2004 vintage produced elegantly structured wines with rich soft fruit flavours.

**Vineyards**                      The cool climate and gravelly soils of the Frankland River region in southern Western Australia are well suited to the production of intense and elegantly structured wines.

**Vinification/  
Maturation**                      The best parcels of Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec and Cabernet Franc were vinified separately, blended together to create a complete and harmonious wine and then given extended maturation for 2 ½ years in French Oak of which fifty percent was new.

**Tasting Notes**                      Deep vibrant black red. Lovely aromas of red berries, plum and spicy oak. Deep, dark and highly structured with a very long finish of redcurrant, dark berries, cedar and spice.

**Serve with**                      Serve with Venison, any richly flavoured meat dish and cheese.

**Cellaring**                      Delicious to drink young or cellared for up to ten years.

**Scores/Awards**                      **94 points** - James Halliday, *Australian Wine Companion* - 2009 Edition

**91+ points** - Jay Miller, *Wine Advocate* #173 - October 2007

**87-88 points** - Robert Parker, *Wine Advocate* #168 - December 2006

**89 points** - Harvey Steinman, *Wine Spectator*, Web Issue Only - 2008

**Reviews**                      *"The 2004 Blackbutt is the winery's flagship. Composed of 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Malbec, and 5% Cabernet Franc, it was aged for 30 months in French oak, 50% new. Dark ruby-colored, it offers an excellent perfume of pain grille, cassis, and black currants. This leads to an elegantly styled Bordeaux look-alike with a smooth texture, layered flavors, and a long, pure finish. It has enough structure to evolve for 6-8 years and should drink well through 2024."*

- JM, *Wine Advocate*

*"The intriguingly named 2004 Blackbutt (a blend of 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Malbec, and 5% Cabernet Franc) offers elegant, crisp, red currant, blackberry, spice box, plum, and anise notes. This fresh, medium-bodied, civilized Aussie red can be consumed over the next 3-4 years."*

- RP, *Wine Advocate*

*"Medium-bodied; gently complex cedar and cigar box overtones to blackcurrant and mulberry fruit; fine, lingering tannins"*

- JH, *Australian Wine Companion* 2009 Edition

*"Smooth and polished, with a definite savory, herbal streak, but it's nicely balanced with rich plum and currant fruit, lingering on the refined finish. Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec and Cabernet Franc. Drink now through 2012. 1,000 cases made."*

- HS, *Wine Spectator*

