

# ALKOOMI

(FRANKLAND RIVER, WESTERN AUSTRALIA)

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The name Alkoomi is taken from a local aboriginal dialect and translated means "a place we chose". The Alkoomi logo is a stylised representation of an Australian grass tree which grows in the area. The Alkoomi vineyard is located only 80kms inland from the Southern Ocean, resulting in good winter rains and dry ripening months. Summer days and evenings are cooled by fresh sea breezes, enabling ideal slow ripening of grapes. This climatic pattern is very similar to that of the best Bordeaux vintages. The vines are all pruned by hand. Alkoomi's annual production of about 80,000 cases is distributed to all parts of Australia and is exported to more than 20 markets worldwide.

## Blackbutt 2008 (Icon Range Label)

CSPC# 716838

6x750ml

14.1 % alc./vol.

<b>Chemical Analysis</b>	Acidity: 6.5 g/l	pH: 3.52	Residual Sugar: g/l
<b>Grape Variety</b>	47% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Malbec, 28% Cabernet Franc		
<b>Vintage</b>	The warm and sunny growing season leading up to the 2008 vintage provided ideal ripening conditions. Later during the last period of ripening, moderate weather condition ensured the steady development of flavour and aroma compounds producing fruit of great intensity.		
<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>	In crafting the 2008 Blackbutt, Cabernet Sauvignon (47%), Cabernet Franc (28%) and Malbec 25%) from Alkoomi's oldest vines were fermented separately then blended following extended maturation for 24 months in French Oak -of which fifty percent was new. The final components that will make the Blackbutt are tasted blind by the winemaking team and only wines that stand out are selected which means that every vintage will be a unique blend. Once blending is completed the wine spends a further one year maturing in the Bottle in climate controlled storage prior to release.		
<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. Lifted, intense and complex with notes of cassis, dried herbs, cedar and spice. Intense, concentrated blackcurrant and mulberry fruit flavours, interwoven with complex, savoury cigar box and tobacco flavours derived from the seamlessly integrated French oak. The finish is supple with elegant, fine grained tannins.		
<b>Serve with</b>	Serve with Venison, any richly flavoured meat dish and cheese.		
<b>Cellaring</b>	Can be enjoyed now but should increase in complexity with further time in bottle for the next 10 -15 years.		
<b>Scores/Awards</b>	<b>95 points</b> - James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion - August 11, 2011 <b>94 points</b> - David Prestipino, The Sunday Times Top Drops - March 2013 <b>93 points</b> - Huon Hooke - August 11, 2011 <b>93 points</b> - Gourmet Traveller Wine 2013 <b>92 points</b> - Andrew Graham, Australian Wine Review - August 12, 2013 <b>92 points</b> - Stuart Robinson, The Vinsomniac - May 2013 <b>89+ points</b> - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate #208 - August 2013 <b>Silver Medal</b> - International Wine Challenge 2011 <b>Bronze Medal</b> - Decanter World Wine Awards 2011		



**Reviews** *“Dark and compelling cassis and cedar bouquet, with ironstone minerality and a mere suggestion of toasty oak; full-bodied and powerful with great depth and freshness, fine tannins and expansive black fruits to conclude; generosity of fruit, rather than winemaking artefact, is the key.”*

- JH, Australian Wine Companion

*“A blend of almost 50% of Cabernet Sauvignon, and the rest Cabernet Franc and Malbec, the deep garnet-black colored 2008 Blackbutt opens with a complex nose of creme de cassis, mocha, aniseed, tobacco, sandalwood and smoked meat with whiffs of pencil shavings and eucalyptus. Medium-bodied, it offers just enough layered and evolving fruit complexity in the mouth, plus a medium level of velvety tannins and enlivening acid, before finishing a little abruptly. Drink it now through 2019.”*

- LPB, Wine Advocate

*“From the outset this 'feels' like a premium wine. A blend of Cabernet Sauvignon (48%) Cabernet Franc (27%) and Malbec (24%) sourced from 40 yr old vines, the nose and palate stamped by the minty, mulberry regional stamp, everything lifted by creamy oak, yet supported by gruff tannins.*

*At this stage a slightly oak dominant red but dry, tannic, long and carrying a proper old vine depth to it. You can just tell that this will look even better in ten years time and live until its 30th birthday with ease. Perhaps not for the fruit sluts, but quality is assured.”*

- AG, Ozwinereview.com

*“Constituent varieties are writ large on the palate: creme de cassis, a little pastille; tannin is minimal, yet present, a drying chalky tannin. Wine shows a little iron/ferrous note too. Smooth, powerful through the finish. Lovely balance of those two qualities. Subtle length, yet persistent.”*

- SR, The Vinsomniac

*“Cassis and minty eucalyptus aromas. Ripe juicy dark fruits. Poised and focussed with great concentration and length.”*

- International Wine Challenge 2011

*“Prominent vanilla oak, coconut, mocha and sweet ripe fruit bouquet. Firm palate with supple, ripe tannins and sweet cranberry flavours.”*

- Decanter World Wine Awards 2011

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