

# 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 cool climate and gravelly loam soils of the Frankland River Region in the South of Western Australia are well suited to the production of intense and elegantly structured wines. 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.

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## Black Label Shiraz Viognier 2020

CSPC# 716840

12x750ml

14.5% alc./vol.

### Grape Variety

97% Shiraz, 3% Viognier

### Vintage

A very dry growing season led to one of the earliest vintages on record. As a result of the lack of rainfall, the yields were considerably reduced. There also was an abundance of Eucalyptus tree blossom and this prevented further loss of quality and yield from bird damage. The resulting fruit, was of excellent quality with impressive flavour concentration.

### Vineyards

The Alkoomi vineyards have been established over a number of years, dating back to 1971.

### Winemaking

There are 6 small parcels of Shiraz of estate grown fruit which ripen at different times due to their varied location. When the Viognier fruit is ripe, we were able to harvest on the same day as the Shiraz in block 17. We pressed off some free run Viognier and then returned the skins to co-ferment with the Shiraz. The final wine, which is 3% Viognier, undergoes 14 months of maturation in 20% new French oak.

### Tasting Notes

Vibrant deep crimson with magenta hues. Lifted aromas of violets, black cherries, and peppery spices. Rich flavours of blackberries, cherries, and milk chocolate on the medium bodied palate with layers of savoury tannins interwoven with pepper and a bright finish.

### Serve with

A great food wine – particularly a flame-grilled steak with blue cheese butter.

### Cellaring

Ready to drink now, although will gain complexity over the next 5-8 years.

### Scores/Awards

**95 points** - Erin Larkin, Australian Wine Companion - November 2021

**95 points** - Aaron Brasher, The Real Review - September 2021

**Silver Medal** - Portavin Wine Show of Western Australia 2021

### Reviews

*"Co-fermented with 'a bit' of viognier and matured in French oak (20% new). Silky, floral, velvety, robust, dusty, ripe, and spiced. The Alkoomi Black label range is a bit of a marvel. Blood plum, mulberry, blackberry, and raspberry with lashings of salted licorice, ferrous and lavender. Another ripping wine here – bravo team Cherry."*

- EL, Australian Wine Companion

*"Deep, dark and very purple in the glass. Aromas of blueberry, dried herbs and flowers, soy, meaty, anise and graphite. Really complex, lifted and enticing. The flavours are bright, brooding, layered and textured. Blue fruits, charcuterie, cola, spice, licorice, and brambles. Firm, granular tannins, long, mouth-filling, and delicious. Great value."*

- AB, Therealreview.com.au

