



FERN GROVE

Frankland River, Western Australia

Wine name: *The Stirlings*
Vintage: *2005*

Wine Style	Full bodied red wine.
Grape Variety	57% Shiraz; 43% Cabernet Sauvignon.
Growing Region	Frankland River, Western Australia.
Technical Details	Alc. 14.5% TA 6.9g/L ph 3.38
Appearance	Dark crimson.
Nose	Intriguing bouquet of mulberry, blueberry, dark plums and black berries, with lifted oak in the background.
Palate	A very fine vintage produced a powerful shiraz rich in dark fruit flavour and an intense cabernet sauvignon with hints of spice and mulberry. The blend is harmonious yet concentrated with integrated French oak and long, layered tannin.
Vinification	Grapes are harvested cold in the morning to retain fruit intensity prior to crushing, destemming and chilling for cold maceration for up to 72 hours. Fermentation is then allowed to proceed and drained into new French oak at completion. Oak is a mix of Burgundian and Bordeaux French oak. Malo-lactic fermentation occurs along with 18-24 months maturation before light filtration and bottling. The Stirlings is given extended bottle maturation to develop complexities and integration.
Cellaring	Will benefit from up to 10 years careful cellaring.
Winemaker's Comments	The Stirlings range exemplifies the quality of Frankland River fruit in only the most exceptional seasons. The very best parcels of grapes are blended to create a wine of immense concentration that will only develop with bottle age.
Serve	Room temperature – 18°C.
Food	Tender venison or beef fillets with roasted field mushrooms.



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