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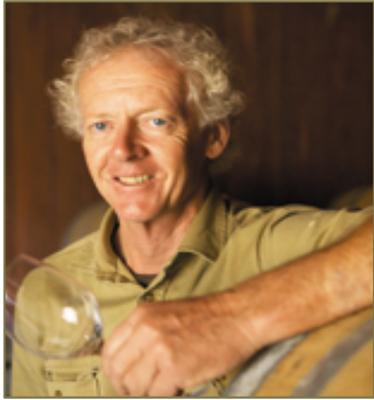
Frankland Estate was established in 1988 by Barrie Smith and Judi Cullam who continue to be actively involved in every aspect of the vineyard and winery. They are now assisted by their daughter Elizabeth Smith, son Hunter Smith and a small, hardworking team who enjoy the diverse and idiosyncratic challenges associated with working in a family business. The winemaking philosophies at Frankland Estate reflect these influences as well as the hard-earned lessons gained from some 17 vintages in the Frankland River region. Our approach to winemaking is based on the principle that the most significant characteristics of a wine come from the soil and the vineyard environment. We aim to make wines that reflect nature rather than the hand of the winemaker. This is the basis of our commitment to sustainable farming and to working the land in accord with the cycles of nature. We carefully nurture the health of the soils in our vineyard and only take from our vineyards as much as can be replaced by natural processes. Our use of viticultural practices resulted in us gaining organic certification in 2009 with our 2010 vintage wines being released with the certified organic “bud” logo making it clear for consumers to identify its organic origin.



Barrie Smith, Judi Cullam, Hunter Smith, Brian Kent and Elizabeth Smith



Barrie Smith co-founded Frankland Estate with his wife Judi Cullam in 1988 in order to diversify their long established wool-growing interests in the Frankland River region. They both continue to be actively involved in managing the vineyard and winery operations but, increasingly, share this responsibility with their adult children, Emily and Hunter.



Barrie Smith was raised in a wine producing region and farmed for over 30 years. Barrie is particularly experienced in production matters and is renowned for his intimate knowledge and deep respect for winemaking.



Judi Cullam combines a passionate interest in growing and making wine with a dynamic approach to marketing that has been integral to the success of Frankland Estate in Australia and major export markets. Her interest and commitment to Riesling has resulted in Frankland Estate being consistently ranked among Australia's leading Riesling producers.



Hunter Smith has a Bachelor of Business (Agricultural Management) degree from Marcus Oldham College in Victoria and became a full-time member of the Frankland Estate team in 1999. He is involved in every aspect of the winery operations including finance and marketing and is also responsible for managing the family's wool growing interests.



Elizabeth Smith graduated with a Bachelor of Science (Honors) in Agriculture Science from the University of Western Australia in 1998 and subsequently completed further studies in viticulture at Charles Sturt University. She gained further experience by working vintages in California, Spain and New Zealand and now divides her time between nurturing young wines and young children.



Gladys is not real family, more avian family, but nevertheless is a vital member of our management team. As queen of our flock of guinea fowl Gladys leads her loyal subjects out into the vineyard every day to eat bugs and pests that otherwise might damage our vines. She is sensitive and caring and strongly committed to organic viticulture.



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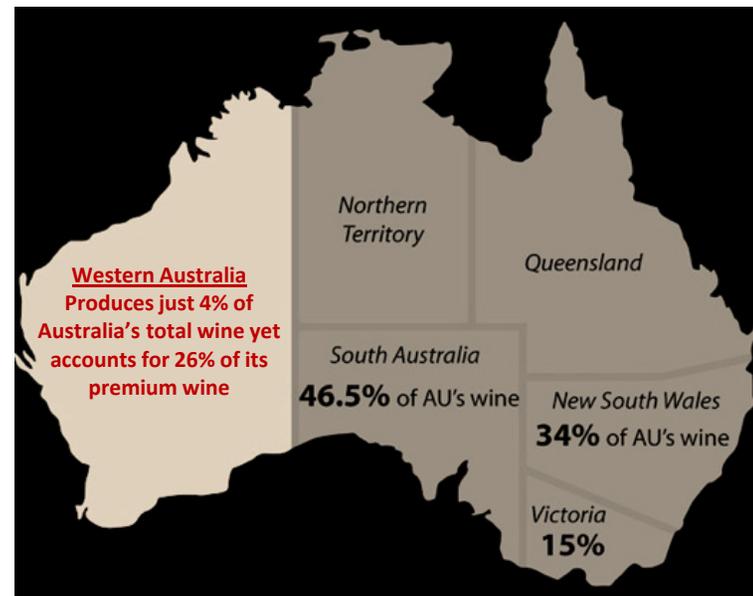
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The Frankland River Region

Frankland River is the coolest and most isolated wine-growing region in Western Australia. The river valley also has a crucial influence on the region's climate. In winter and spring it sucks cold air down to the Southern Ocean (about 24 miles south from our vineyard) during the night creating air circulation between land and sea that minimizes the danger of vine-damaging frosts. In summer it funnels cool and humid air north from the ocean moderating the afternoon heat to provide a long, slow ripening period for grapes.

The viticultural potential of the region was first identified by the renowned US viticulturalist Dr Harold Olmo in 1956. He noted that the climate was similar to Bordeaux in France with cool summers offering optimum ripening conditions for wine grapes. Our Olmo's Reward wine honors his important contribution to the region. The Frankland River region is almost completely free of wine pests and diseases. Its isolated location, far from population and industrial centers, mean it is virtually pollution free and offers a pristine grape-growing environment.



- LOCATION: Great Southern, Western Australia
- 250 miles southeast of Perth and 60 miles NW of Albany
 - Elevation: 816 feet



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Frankland Estate has developed an international reputation for producing wines reflective of the soil and character of specific vineyard sites. Over millions of years the Frankland River has cut through the region's ancient surface rocks to create gravel-loam soils of moderate fertility that are ideal for growing grapes.

Frankland Estate make wines that reflect nature rather than the hand of the winemaker. The mature low-yielding, organically farmed vines are hand-pruned, hand-picked and the fruit, hand-sorted prior to crushing. The wines articulate the distinctive features of their unique vineyard sites.





SmithCullam

Named after Frankland Estate's founders Barrie Smith and Judi Cullam and only ever produced when the vintage warrants its special release, 'SmithCullam' is the finest expression of select parcels of Shiraz from the Isolation Ridge Vineyard. This is the icon of Frankland Estate's wine portfolio and noted for its seductive combination of power and elegance.

97 Points - 2011 SmithCullam Riesling

James Halliday - Australian Wine Companion 2013
 "Light, positive straw-green; made in off-dry mode, with 19 g/l of residual sugar. Just when you think this is merely another Mosel copycat, the astonishing drive and intensity of the palate makes the half-formed words describing the bouquet completely irrelevant. It demonstrates how great riesling (more than any other variety with the possible exception of semillon) is made in the vineyard."

96 Points - 2010 SmithCullam Riesling

Australian Wine Companion - James Halliday 2012
 "Tightly wound and pure lemon pith and lime bouquet, with accents of coriander and ginger; the palate reveals fresh-cut green apples, and the delicate touch of sweetness plays a perfect foil to the rapier-like acidity coiled beneath; long, supple and most definitely age worthy."

90 Points - 2008 SmithCullam Riesling

Josh Reynolds/Steve Tanzer - International Wine Cellar
Sept/Oct 2009
 "(27 grams of residual sugar) Pale green-gold. Highly aromatic bouquet of lime, lemon custard, melon and musky mango skin. Sappy and energetic, offering lively citrus and exotic fruit flavors and a subtle underpinning of minerality. Round and supple on the finish, leaving behind tangy, refreshingly bitter citrus zest notes. This would go well with Thai seafood dishes."

95 Point - 2010 SmithCullam Shiraz Cabernet

Jeremy Oliver's, The Australian Wine Annual 2013
 "Charmingly balanced and structured, this long-term, savoury red blend has a wild, pungent bouquet of cassis, blackberries and dark plums laced with spicy scents of black pepper, dusty notes of dried herbs and a handsome complement of newish cedary oak. Deeply and densely fruited, it's rich, ripe and juicy, with a briary length of flavour knit with smoky, mocha-like oak and framed by fine, firmish powdery tannins."

94 Points - 2008 SmithCullam Shiraz Cabernet

James Halliday - Australian Wine Companion 2011
 "Vibrant colour; pristine fruit aromas of blackberry, blackcurrant, ironstone and a suggestion of oak; the complexity continues to unroll on the palate, with bitter chocolate offsetting the generous fruit; as expected the structure is firm, but the generosity shines through on the very long and even finish."

92 Points - 2005 SmithCullam Shiraz Cabernet

Jay Miller - Robert Parker's "Wine Advocate" #181, Feb. 2009
 "The purple-colored 2005 Smith-Cullam Shiraz (70%)-Cabernet Sauvignon (30%) has aromas of spice box, meat, game, and blueberry leading to a finesse-styled wine with well-concealed structure, excellent balance, and a silky finish. Give it 2-3 years and drink it from 2010 to 2018."

90 Points - 2005 SmithCullam Shiraz Cabernet

James Halliday - "Australian Wine Companion 2009





Olmos Reward

Named after Dr Harold Olmo, who first identified the viticultural potential of the Frankland River region, 'Olmo's Reward' is Frankland Estate's flagship red wine and is affectionately referred to as the "Bordeaux from the bush" by some of America's finest trade customers. Aristotle's famous quote, "the whole is greater than the sum of its parts," applies to Olmo's Reward, which is a refined and complex red blend comprising predominantly of Cabernet Franc and Merlot with smaller amounts of Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Petit Verdot.

"My favorite of the 2001 releases....tastes like a New World St.-Emilion." - Robert Parker

95 Points - 2010 Olmo's Reward

Jeremy Oliver's, The Australian Wine Annual 2013

"Dusty, elegant and complete, this measured, long-term red blend has a heady, floral bouquet of ripe black and red berries, fresh, newish cedary oak, mint and dried herbs with a hint of spice. It's supple and fine-grained, with a faintly sour-edged presence of small black, blue and red berries, dark plums and tightly knit oak framed by fine, cultivated and drying tannin. It finishes with great length, with dusty, savoury aspects and a hint of dried herbs."

94 Points - 2009 Olmo's Reward

James Halliday Australian Wine Companion 2013

"An estate-grown blend of cabernet franc (70%), merlot (13%), malbec (10%) and cabernet sauvignon (7%). The bright crimson colour is an inviting start to a wine with a range of small red and black fruits, plus notes of tobacco, spice and earth, oak playing a restricted role; the tannins support is particularly good, giving the wine distinction."

92 Points – 2009 Olmo's Reward

Wine Advocate #202, Aug 2012

A blend of 62% Cabernet Franc, 17% Merlot, 16% Malbec and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, the 2009 Olmo's Reward has a medium-deep garnet-purple color and aromas of warm cranberries, red currants and red cherry preserves over dried Provence herbs, lavender, mint and forest floor. Medium to full-bodied with a great foundation of firm, grainy tannins and crisp acid supporting the muscular fruit, it finishes long and savory. Delicious now, it should cellar to 2018+.

95 Points - 2008 Olmo's Reward

James Halliday - Australian Wine Companion 2011

"Deep in colour, and serious in intent, the bouquet of this wine is all dark fruits, savoury complexity and some seriously good oak; the texture of the wine is remarkable, showing less of the overt minerality of the other wines, and more silk; fine-grained tannins are the key, ensuring the wine is long-lived and long on the palate; built for those who enjoy structure with their fruit. "

91 Points - 2007 Olmo's Reward

Stephen Tanzer - International Wine Cellar, Issue 151, July/Aug 2010





Single Vineyard Rieslings

Isolation Ridge Riesling

96 points

2011 Isolation Ridge Riesling

Jeremy Oliver's *The Aus. Wine Annual 2013*

"Beautifully measured and presented, this faintly off-dry Riesling marries freshness, brightness and intensity with length and mouth feel. Its faintly mineral perfume of pear, apple and lime opens with a scent of white flowers. Long and creamy, with juicy fruit underpinned by a fine chalkiness...finely balanced acidity, it finishes with a lingering impression of fruit, texture and balance."

94 Points

2011 Isolation Ridge Riesling

James Halliday, *Australian Wine Competition 2013*

"Pale straw-green; it has a shy, floral bouquet with hints of spice and apple, than a beautifully structured, supremely delicate, palate; unfolds on the finish ...with mouthwatering, citrusy acidity."

91+ Points

2011 Isolation Ridge Riesling

Wine Advocate #202, Aug. 2012

"The 2011 Isolation Ridge Riesling gives intense notes of lime juice, wet stones and jasmine with hints of pineapple and yuzu zest. Crisp, light-bodied, dry and with a wonderful concentration of citrus and mineral flavors, it finishes long..."

95 Points

2010 Isolation Ridge Riesling

James Halliday, *Aus. Wine Companion 2012*

91+ Points

2009 Isolation Ridge Riesling

Stephen Tanzer, *Intl Wine Cellar, Issue 151, July/August 2010*



Poison Hill Riesling

93 points - 2011 Poison Hill Riesling

Jeremy Oliver's *The Aus. Wine Annual 2013*

"A complex, edgy and rather adventurous riesling that pushes the Australian envelope for this variety. Lifted by scents of flowers and acacia, it reveals a zesty bouquet of lemon sherbet, white peach, paw paw and guava. Streamlined towards an austere, steely finish of crunchy acids, its intense, juicy expression of citrusy fruit is underpinned by a slatey texture, finishing with length and crispness."

92 Points

2011 Poison Hill Riesling

James Halliday, *Aus. Wine Companion 2013*

"Light straw-green; much more expressive than Isolation Ridge at this early stage, with fragrant lime blossom rising from the glass at the first swirl, and fills the mouth with its bold and ripe flavours. Is the most precocious of the 11 Frankland Estate Rieslings."

91 Points

2011 Poison Hill Riesling

Wine Advocate #202, Aug. 2012

"The 2011 Poison Hill Riesling is scented of grapefruit, lemon curd and chalk dust with a whiff of dill seed. Clean, dry and very pure in the mouth, it has a light body and approachably refreshing acidity with a long finish. It should drink best 2013 to 2022+."

94 Points

2010 Poison Hill Riesling

James Halliday, *Aus. Wine Companion 2012*

92 Points

2009 Poison Hill Riesling

Stephen Tanzer, *International Wine Cellar Issue 151, July/August 2010*



Netley Road Vineyard Riesling

96 Points - 2011 Netley Road Riesling

James Halliday, *Aus. Wine Companion 2013*

"Distinctly deeper straw-green colour; the bouquet has hints of herb and stone which in no way prepares you for the iron fist-in-a-velvet glove assault of the palate, its power unfolding in waves, mineral, lime zest and rapier-like acidity dominating the back-palate and finish."

92+ Points-2011 Netley Road Riesling

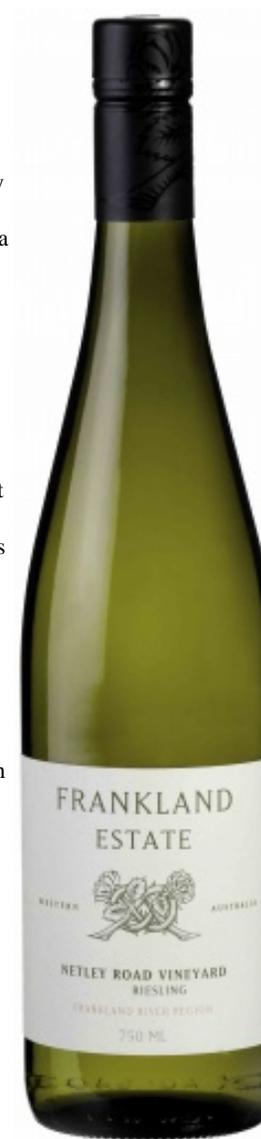
Wine Advocate #202, Aug. 2012

From a single vineyard planted in the 1960s, one of the oldest vineyards in the state, the 2011 Netley Road Riesling gives expressive lemon / lime aromas over green apple, steel and coriander seed. It's very crisp and citrusy in the dry, light-bodied mouth with a spicy / white pepper undercurrent and long tangy finish. Drink it 2014 to 2022+.

94 Rating - 2010 Netley Road Riesling

Wine Advocate #196, Aug. 2011

Produced from a single vineyard planted in 1966, the 2010 Netley Road Vineyard Riesling gives youthfully subdued aromas of lime juice, yuzu zest and orange blossom with nuances of coriander seed and crushed stones. Light to medium bodied, crisp and dry, the palate reveals mouth-filling citrus flavors with great tension and a long chalky finish. Drink it 2012 to 2021+.





Isolation Ridge



94 points - 2011 Isolation Ridge Chardonnay

Jeremy Oliver's *The Australian Wine Annual 2013*

"A stylish cool climate chardonnay with focus and freshness. Delicate aromas of grapefruit, melon and lightly smoky vanilla oak reveal spicy undertones of cinnamon and clove. It's long and vibrant, delivering a bright, crystalline presence of fruit that moves gently down the palate, finishing with supple, tightly integrated acids. A real charmer."

90 Points - 2011 Isolation Ridge Chardonnay

Wine Advocate #202, *Aug. 2012*

Barrel fermented and aged for 9-10 months with little or no malo-lactic, the 2011 Isolation Ridge Chardonnay gives a very good intensity of ripe nectarine, apricot and toast aromas over roasted almonds, cedar and butterscotch. Light to medium-bodied, it has a great concentration of stone fruit and toast flavors with lively acid and a nice silkiness to the texture, finishing long. Though it makes for a fresh, fruit glass now, it should open and evolve, cellaring to 2016+.

94 Points - 2010 Isolation Ridge Chardonnay

James Halliday, *Australian Wine Companion 2013*

"Bright colour; a savoury bouquet of charcuterie, grilled nuts and grapefruit; the palate is vibrant and toasty from some new oak; fine, defined and precise with a long and zesty finish."

92 Points - 2010 Isolation Ridge Chardonnay

Wine Advocate #196, *Aug. 2011*

90 Points - 2008 Isolation Ridge Chardonnay

Stephen Tanzer, *International Wine Cellar, Issue 151, July/August 2010*

94 points - 2010 Isolation Ridge Shiraz

Jeremy Oliver's *The Australian Wine Annual 2013*

"Frankland Estate's dramatic recent improvement in red wine continues with this supple, fine-grained Rhône inspired wine. Its pungent, faintly meaty and reductive bouquet of dark berries, cherries and plums is lifted by a scent of blue flowers, marsala spices and cedar/vanilla oak. Fine-grained, supple and savoury, it's long, fresh and focused, with spicy, meaty and musky fruit knit with very fine, pliant tannins, finishing with suggestions of graphite and minerals."

91 Points - 2009 Isolation Ridge Shiraz

Wine Advocate #201, *Aug. 2012*

Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2009 Isolation Ridge Shiraz gives notes of black cherry compote and warm blueberries with nuances of violets, nutmeg and black truffles. Medium to full-bodied, it offers a taut structure in the mouth with a medium level of grainy tannins and enlivening acid, finishing long. Drink this one now to 2017+.

91 Points - 2009 Isolation Ridge Shiraz

James Halliday, *Australian Wine Companion 2013*

"Great Southern produces a distinctly savoury style of shiraz and this is no exception; red and black fruits, leather, spice and roasted meats on the bouquet; the palate is medium bodied, high in acidity and shows rugged, yet ripe, tannins; long and interesting."

91 Points - 2008 Isolation Ridge Shiraz

James Halliday, *Australian Wine Companion 2011*



Rocky Gully

92 Points - 2011 Rocky Gully Riesling

James Halliday, *Australian Wine Companion 2013*

"The energetic Judi Cullam has organised biennial conferences bringing high profile German and Austrian riesling makers to Australia and joined forces with distributor Cellarhand to announce the Frankland Estate and Cellarhand Riesling Scholarship. The single Frankland Estate Riesling has now morphed into three single-vineyard wines, and a cheaper second label of Rocky Gully, used here. Tank sample. The wine bears testimony to the quality of the vintage, starting quietly, then building layer upon layer of ripe citrus fruit heading towards tropical/pineapple before pulling back with the aid of its good acidity. It will drink well right from the outset."

90 Points - 2009 Rocky Gully Riesling

Stephen Tanzer, *International Wine Cellar, Issue 151, July/August 2010*

"Very fresh aromas of citrus fruits and melon, with hints of herbs and white pepper. Pure, juicy and clean, with very good tension to the orange and Meyer lemon flavors and very good back-end cut. Finishes with noteworthy length and precision, repeating the pepper and orange flavors. An excellent value. "

93 Points – 2011 Rocky Gully Shiraz

James Halliday, December 2012

"Light to medium crimson-purple; there is a lift to the fragrance of the bouquet and the juicy flavors of the palate invested by the small but significant contribution of Viognier; its light- to medium-bodied palate has excellent balance, and the wine will be at its best over the next three or so years."

91 Points - 2010 Rocky Gully Shiraz

James Halliday, *Australian Wine Companion 2013*

"A tank sample supplied after the wine had been fully blended. It has great depth to its puple-crimson colour, and there is a wealth of blackberry, spice and licorice fruit on both the bouquet and medium-bodied palate. Like prior vintages, does contain some viognier, but makes no mention of this on the front label. Will repay short-term cellaring."

90 Points - 2008 Rocky Gully Shiraz

Stephen Tanzer - *International Wine Cellar, Issue 151, July/August 2010*

"Smoky dark fruits, violet, tobacco and licorice on the nose, with a more exotic candied berry quality emerging with aeration; this smells a lot like a wine from the northern Rhone. Smooth and subtly complex, with floral-accented flavors of black raspberry, minerals and black pepper. Not a lush style of Australian red by any stretch. Finishes with good peppery cut and a lingering floral quality. This is an excellent value. "

93 Points - 2008 Rocky Gully Shiraz

James Hallidays Top 100 for 2010, *November 2010*

