



PLANTAGENET
WINES
GREAT SOUTHERN
WESTERN AUSTRALIA



UPC: 689486000249

2011 OMRAH SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER: Cath Oates
REGION: Great Southern, Western Australia
VARIETALS: Shiraz
MATURATION: Aged for 20 months in French and American oak (25% new)
ANALYSIS: 14.0 alc/vol | 6.1 g/L TA | 3.49 pH

VINTAGE REPORT:

A cold, wet spring delayed budburst. Continued cool to mild weather slowed both shoot growth prolonged flowering in early summer resulting in some uneven ripening and a bit of disease pressure. However, the January and February temperatures were quite toasty and along with the dry conditions, hastened ripening considerably. Moderate yields also helped. Despite the late warm conditions and ripening issues, the Shiraz fruit had excellent varietal definition and good natural acidity.

WINEMAKING:

The fruit is crushed to closed fermenters, pumped over rather gently to avoid harsh tannins and fermented warmly to please the yeast. The wine was pressed gently after an average of ten days on skins and racked a number of times, to not only clarify the wine but to also aerate it to accommodate the aging process and was racked to barrel after the malolactic fermentation is complete.

TASTING NOTES:

The 2011 Omrah Shiraz is a ripe plush wine full of blueberry and plum aromas, juicy cherry flavors, gentle vanilla oak with a hint of pepper and spice. This is a warm, rich, spicy wine of lingering fruit flavors and beautiful harmony.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

89 pts James Halliday's Australian Wine Companion

ABOUT PLANTAGENET: An historic producer, Plantagenet Wines was the first winery to be established in Western Australia's Great Southern wine region. Named after the local Shire of Plantagenet, the winery was founded in 1968 when English immigrant Tony Smith identified the potential of these wild and remote lands by planting vines on his Mount Barker property. His initial plantings impressed, producing Rhône-style Shirazes and stylish Cabernet Sauvignons, soon to be joined by Pinot Noir, Riesling and Chardonnay. These aromatic varieties thrived in the cool, continental climate, and Plantagenet has gone on to become one of the leading names in the region, as well as a driving force in establishing the Great Southern as a distinctive, quality-focused Australian wine region.



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