



PLANTAGENET
WINES
GREAT SOUTHERN
WESTERN AUSTRALIA



2012 PLANTAGENET OMRAH UNOAKED CHARDONNAY

WINEMAKER: Cath Oates
REGION: Predominantly from the Rocky Horror and Rosetta vineyards in Western Australia's Great Southern region
VARIETALS: Chardonnay
ANALYSIS: 13.5% alc/vol | 7.0 g/L TA | 3.36 pH

VINTAGE REPORT:

A generally warm and dry February and March after a wet spring reduced some disease pressure and allowed fruit to ripen steadily and good flavors to develop. A hot spell at the beginning of March fast-tracked all the white varieties, finishing off the flavor development nicely, while retaining the hallmark acid profile of the region. The Chardonnay harvest was early, with all fruit picked in February.

WINEMAKING:

While Chardonnay from Western Australia is noted for its generous fruit flavors, the cool climate of Great Southern also lends an elegant structure to the richness. The fruit was fermented at cool temperatures in stainless steel tanks after the clean juice is drained/pressed from the skins and pulp and racked off gross lees. Once fermented the wine spends considerable time on its yeast lees with stirring to provide mouthfeel and complexing flinty lees flavors.

TASTING NOTES:

A peachy nose, with a twist of lemon and just a hint of creamy yeastiness and minerality. A lovely rich smooth palate of mouth filling flavors with a crisp clean finish to bring the wine into focus. Exudes Chardonnay purity, with both fullness and finesse.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 89 pts James Halliday's Australian Wine Companion, 88 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar

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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